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FOREWORD

The court reorganization movement in North Carolina began in the mid nineteen-fifties and culminated in the adoption of constitutional amendments in 1962 and 1965 and the enactment of the "Judicial Department Act of 1965." The year 1974 marks the fourth year during which all divisions of the General Court of Justice have operated in each of the State's 100 counties. The Judicial Department consists of an Appellate Division composed of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals (which has been fully operational since 1968), a Superior Court Division and a District Court Division. The system is unified for purposes of jurisdiction, operation and administration. All of the officers and personnel of the Judicial Department are employees of the State.

There are now 7 justices of the Supreme Court, 9 judges of the Court of Appeals, 55 full-time Superior Court judges, 118 District Court judges, 30 district attorneys and 116 assistant district attorneys, 3 public defenders and 14 assistant public defenders (serving in the 12th, 18th and 28th judicial districts), 100 clerks of the superior court, approximately 540 magistrates, approximately 230 juvenile counselors, 76 court reporters and approximately 1,300 supporting personnel (primarily assistants, deputies, secretarial and clerical personnel in the offices of clerks of the superior court).

The Administrative Officer of the Courts is required to "submit an annual report on the work of the Judicial Department" to the Chief Justice and the members of the General Assembly. This *Annual Report* is based upon data supplied by the clerks of the superior court on a monthly and quarterly basis. The data contained herein can most appropriately be used in making year-to-year comparisons for the entire system and in comparing the performance of different counties and judicial districts. The data is also the beginning point for independent analysis of the performance of the courts of each county and judicial district. Although caution should be used in generalizing about the performance of the entire General Court of Justice, this report does evaluate the status of the criminal and civil dockets of the Superior and District Court divisions. These evaluations are carefully grounded on the available data base, but they derive from *quantitative* rather than *qualitative* data and are based upon totals for groups of counties rather than a thoroughgoing analysis of each county.

Although there are a number of statistical indicators that may be used in evaluating court performance, there is no single barometer that gives a weighted average of all factors. The more obvious

factors to weigh in making year-to-year comparisons and relative rankings between counties and judicial districts are filings, dispositions, and the number of cases pending at the end of the year. Other useful measures are the *pending ratios* (the relation that the number of cases pending at year's end bears to the number of cases disposed of during the year) and the *rate of disposition* (the percentage of the year's filings which were disposed of during the year). Low *pending ratios* and high *rates of disposition* are positive measures.

The statistics contained herein are *case flow* statistics and none are "backlog" or "delay" statistics. This report uses "cases pending" as one unit of analysis, but the term "backlog" will not be found herein and it is inaccurate to apply that term to the cases which are properly described as "pending." A case which is pending may be two days or two years old. "Backlog" may be tentatively defined as those cases which have been pending disposition longer than an agreed upon standard of time for the average case of the same type in the same court. A "delayed" case would be any case which exceeded the agreed upon standard time-frame and such cases could also be described as "backlogged." Even if an agreed upon standard time-frame with supporting data was available, such data could only properly be used (as is the case with the data which is available) as a starting point for analysis. In any case, the Administrative Office does not now routinely collect data on the length of time required for the disposition of particular cases.

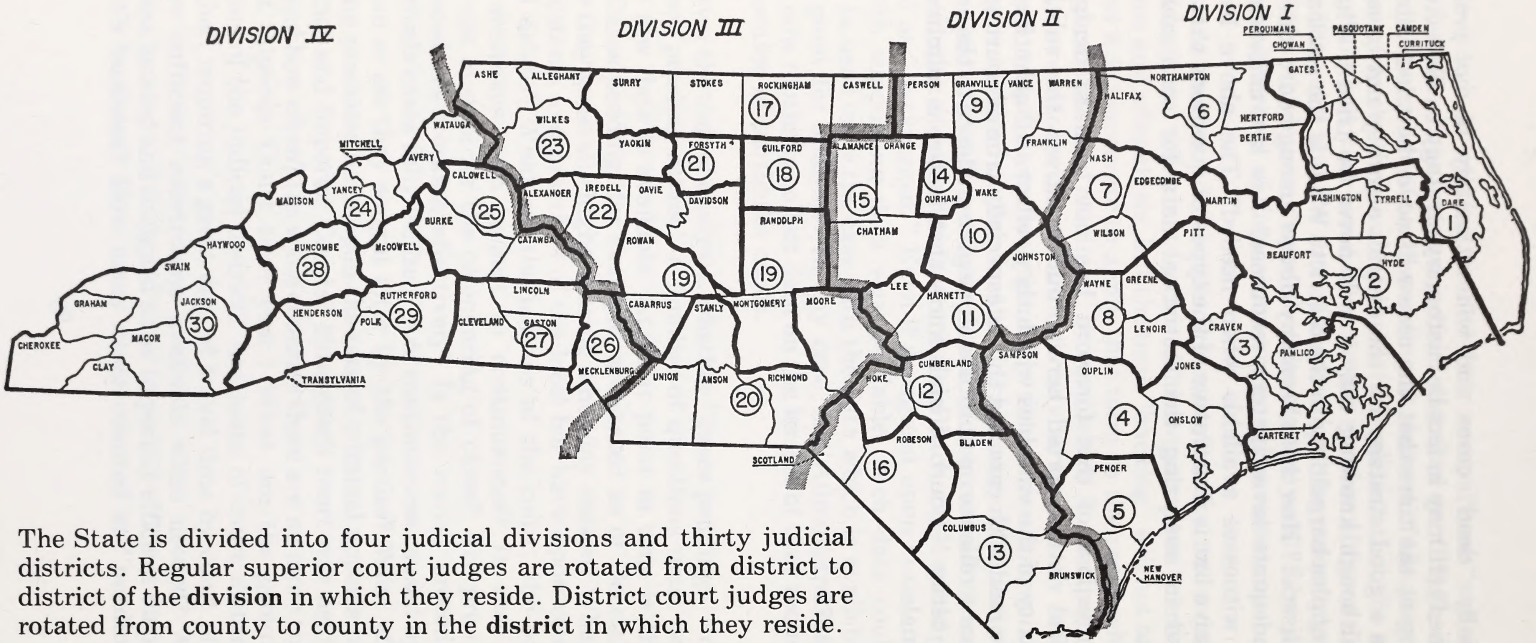
Whatever the unit of analysis, whether "cases pending," "delayed cases," or "pending ratios," a number of questions must be asked once the raw data is available. At what point in time is the data stated? Cases pending, for example, are stated as of December 31, 1974; are they generally higher during a holiday season? What effect do the customs and practices of the local bar have upon courtroom and trial delays? What are the policies of the court, the bar, and district attorneys with respect to continuances? Is ther a well thought out system for the calendaring of cases? Are pre-trial release procedures working effectively? Is the waiver procedure for motor vehicle cases fully utilized? Are continuances caused by court congestion or are they sought after by the parties? What effect do sentencing practices have upon the rate of criminal appeals between the District and Superior Courts? How much court was held in the district and how often? (In some counties there are no more than two weeks of Superior Court each year.) What are the geographical dimensions of the judicial district? Are seats of court distant from one another, requiring a great deal of travel time by court officials? Are there sufficient courtrooms available when needed? Are the courtrooms located and designed so as to permit efficient dispatch of the court's business? How many cases counted as "pending" are

essentially "dead" cases and will ultimately be *nol prossed* or dismissed? (It may in fact be customary strategy to file a civil action knowing at the time that the case will never be tried; similarly, it may be a good strategy for the district attorney not to *nol pros* a case, although knowing that it will never be tried.) What is the extent of plea bargaining in the district? What is the settlement rate in the district? Has there been any illness among court officials? Are there adequate investigatory resources? Are law enforcement and expert witnesses available when needed? The above list is not exhaustive but is illustrative of the types of questions that must be explored in analyzing the statistical data for each county and district.

The purpose of this foreword has not been to denigrate the statistical data reported herein, but to stress the subtlety and complexity of the variables which they reflect. All quantitative data must be read with care and this is especially true of court statistics. Too great a reliance on numbers alone give credence to the concept of "mass justice." Court officials know that justice is administered to individuals.

April, 1975

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS



The State is divided into four judicial divisions and thirty judicial districts. Regular superior court judges are rotated from district to district of the **division** in which they reside. District court judges are rotated from county to county in the **district** in which they reside.

THE APPELLATE DIVISION

THE SUPREME COURT

One hundred and thirty-five opinions were filed by the Supreme Court in 1974. Full opinions were rendered in 131 cases and 4 opinions were *per curiam*. Of the total, 77 were civil and 58 were criminal cases. Forty-four percent (34 opinions) of the civil appeals were affirmed and 60% (35 opinions) of the criminal appeals were affirmed. In the remaining cases, the Supreme Court modified the decision from which the appeal was taken. As reported in the North Carolina Reports, the court disposed of 273 petitions for *certiorari*, 49 motions to dismiss, 4 motions to rehear, and 1 motion to withdraw.

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice
SUSIE SHARP

Associate Justices

I. BEVERLY LAKE

JOSEPH W. BRANCH

J. FRANK HUSKINS

DAN. K. MOORE

J. WILLIAM COPELAND

JAMES G. EXUM, JR.

Emergency Justices

WILLIAM B. RODMAN, JR.

J. WILL PLESS, JR.

WILLIAM H. BOBBITT, C.J.

CARLISLE W. HIGGINS

THE COURT OF APPEALS

Eight hundred and forty-eight opinions were filed by the Court of Appeals in 1974. Of these 848, 413 were criminal cases and 435 were civil cases. The court determined and disposed of 405 motions and 482 petitions in 1974.

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge

WALTER E. BROCK

Associate Judges

DAVID M. BRITT

NAOMI E. MORRIS

FRANK M. PARKER

ROBERT A. HEDRICK

EARL W. VAUGHN

ROBERT M. MARTIN

EDWARD B. CLARK

GERALD ARNOLD

Emergency Judges

RAYMOND B. MALLARD

HUGH B. CAMPBELL

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

The performance of the superior court division of the General Court of Justice is adequately summarized in the sections on civil and criminal dockets which follow. Only a few items deserve highlighting in terms of the combined civil and criminal dockets. Total filings increased by 11.5% and dispositions increased by 1.8%. The number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 12.2%.

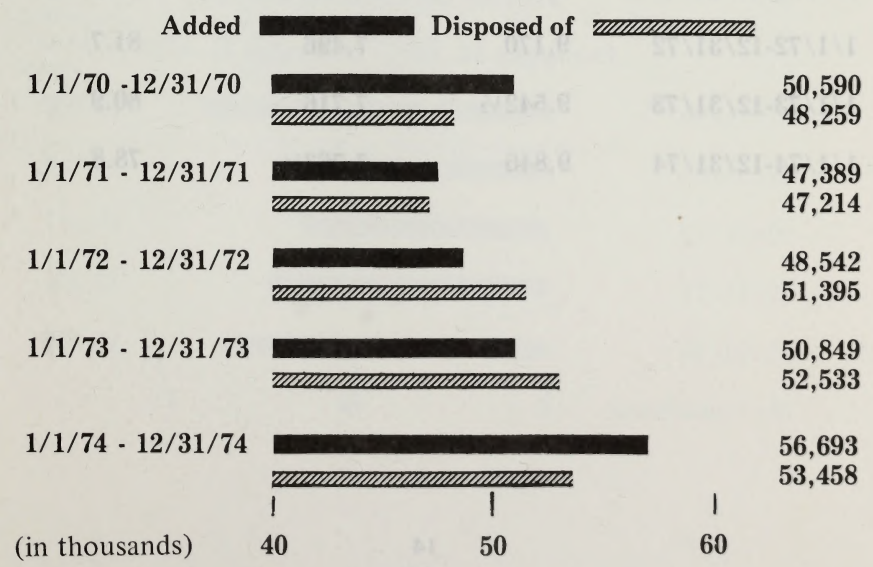
The number of days of court scheduled increased from 9,542 to 9,846, an increase of 3.1%, but the number of days actually *held* increased by only 47½ days (.6%) from 7,716 to 7,763. For all 100 counties, the percentage of court utilization dropped from 80.9% to 78.8%.

The pending ratio for the civil division of 154.3 is almost identical with last year, indicating that it would require approximately one year and six months for the court to dispose of all civil cases pending. The comparable figure for the criminal division is approximately four and one-half months, up from less than four months in 1973.

The Clerk of the Superior Court has significant jurisdiction in the administration of estates and special proceedings. This is the first year during which statistics have been compiled on estates and special proceedings and the new table appears at page 43.

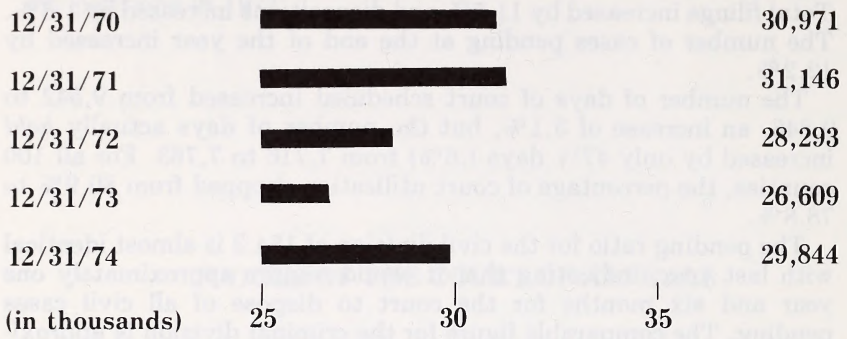
TOTAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1974



TOTAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

December 31, 1970 - December 31, 1974



UTILIZATION OF SCHEDULED COURT

January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1974

	Days Scheduled	*Days Held*	*Percentage*
1/1/70-12/31/70	8,940½	7,178½	80.3
1/1/71-12/31/71	8,792	7,266½	82.6
1/1/72-12/31/72	9,170	7,496	81.7
1/1/73-12/31/73	9,542½	7,716	80.9
1/1/74-12/31/74	9,846	7,763½	78.8

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

As has been indicated in this space in recent years, there continues to be room for much improvement in the civil division of the superior court. This year, a favorable increase in dispositions of 10.9% is overshadowed by a large increase in filings of 18.6%. The number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 10.7%.

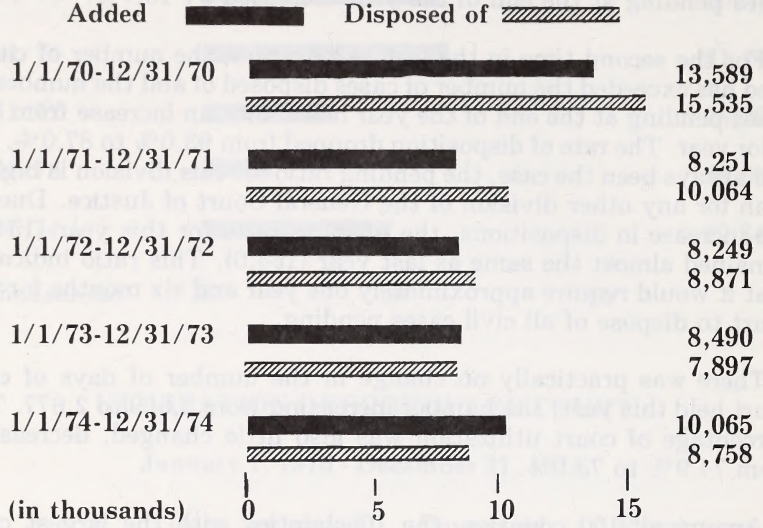
For the second time in the last seven years, the number of cases filed has exceeded the number of cases disposed of and the number of cases pending at the end of the year has shown an increase from the prior year. The rate of disposition dropped from 93.0% to 87.0%. As has always been the case, the pending ratio for this division is higher than for any other division of the General Court of Justice. Due to the increase in dispositions, the pending ratio for this year (154.3) remained almost the same as last year (154.6). This ratio indicates that it would require approximately one year and six months for the court to dispose of all civil cases pending.

There was practically no change in the number of days of civil court held this year, the number increasing from 2,669 to 2,677. The percentage of court utilization was also little changed, decreasing from 74.9% to 73.9%.

Among all 100 counties, the 10 counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 53.1% of the total pending cases. Sixty-seven counties had 100 or fewer cases pending and only five counties had more than 500 pending.

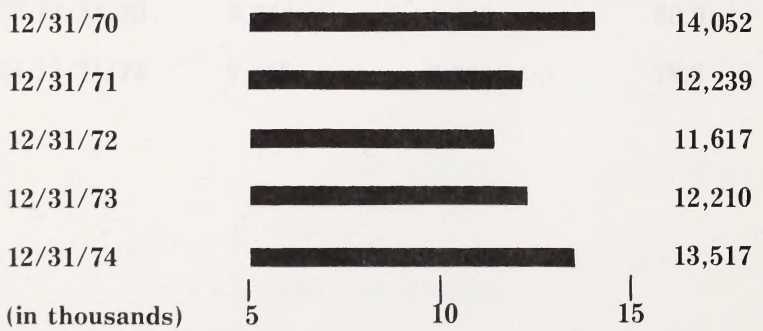
CIVIL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1974



CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

December 31, 1970 - December 31, 1974



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties 1973	41	27	19	9	4
1974	42	25	21	7	5

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-74	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-74	Percent of Filings Disposed of
*Mecklenburg	1,507	1,201	637	2,071	53.0
*Wake	1,039	886	704	1,221	79.5
*Guilford	808	682	611	879	89.6
*Durham	298	587	238	647	40.6
*Forsyth	627	779	828	578	106.3
*Buncombe	401	364	278	487	76.4
*Gaston	297	385	271	411	70.4
*Henderson	336	71	90	317	126.8
*Cumberland	277	228	192	313	84.2
Orange	209	109	70	248	64.2
STATE MEAN	**122**	**101**	**88**	**135**	**87.1**

*Counties that were listed in this table in the *1973 Annual Report.*

CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

January 1, 1974 – December 31, 1974

	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss	
			Jury	Judge	Other	Total			
1ST DISTRICT									
Camden	5	2	0	1	0	1	6	+	1
Chowan	46	16	2	2	13	17	45	-	1
Currituck	30	21	0	6	10	16	35	+	5
Dare	57	42	0	8	26	34	65	+	8
Gates	17	2	0	0	4	4	15	–	2
Pasquotank	37	42	6	12	20	38	41	+	4
Perquimans	23	8	0	0	7	7	24	+	1
TOTAL	**215**	**133**	**8**	**29**	**80**	**117**	**231**	+	**16**
2ND DISTRICT									
Beaufort	77	44	3	21	21	45	76	–	1
Hyde	9	3	0	3	2	5	7	–	2
Martin	29	19	1	14	6	21	27	–	2
Tyrrell	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	+	1
Washington	26	12	1	5	11	17	21	–	5
TOTAL	**141**	**80**	**5**	**44**	**40**	**89**	**132**	–	**9**
3RD DISTRICT									
Carteret	96	97	4	23	26	53	140	+	44
Craven	145	127	6	45	28	79	193	+	48
Pamlico	21	11	0	0	8	8	24	+	3
Pitt	165	96	2	28	26	56	205	+	40
TOTAL	**427**	**331**	**12**	**96**	**88**	**196**	**562**	+	**135**
4TH DISTRICT									
Duplin	62	35	1	15	22	38	59	–	3
Jones	18	20	0	10	9	19	19	+	1
Onslow	169	80	6	25	54	85	164	–	5
Sampson	69	47	3	12	20	35	81	+	12
TOTAL	**318**	**182**	**10**	**62**	**105**	**177**	**323**	+	**5**
5TH DISTRICT									
New Hanover	209	148	24	75	68	167	190	–	19
Pender	52	12	0	0	12	12	52	----	
TOTAL	**261**	**160**	**24**	**75**	**80**	**179**	**242**	–	**19**

6TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of Jury	Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Bertie	41	22	0	9	14	23	40	– 1
Halifax	72	47	3	15	18	36	83	+ 11
Hertford	26	18	4	6	10	20	24	– 2
Northampton	22	50	1	24	11	36	36	+ 14
TOTAL	**161**	**137**	**8**	**54**	**53**	**115**	**183**	**+ 22**
7TH DISTRICT								
Edgecombe	51	50	0	21	31	52	49	– 2
Nash	156	146	3	63	61	127	175	+ 19
Wilson	151	129	4	46	86	136	144	– 7
TOTAL	**358**	**325**	**7**	**130**	**178**	**315**	**368**	**+ 10**
8TH DISTRICT								
Greene	39	11	5	2	26	33	17	– 22
Lenoir	159	100	1	40	106	147	112	– 47
Wayne	206	132	3	66	102	171	167	– 39
TOTAL	**404**	**243**	**9**	**108**	**234**	**351**	**296**	**– 108**
9TH DISTRICT								
Franklin	335	61	6	21	298	325	71	– 264
Granville	67	37	3	3	24	30	74	+ 7
Person	27	15	1	13	16	30	12	– 15
Vance	87	32	3	12	12	27	92	+ 5
Warren	56	9	3	5	10	18	47	– 9
TOTAL	**572**	**154**	**16**	**54**	**360**	**430**	**296**	**– 276**
10TH DISTRICT								
Wake	1,039	886	17	266	421	704	1,221	+ 182
11TH DISTRICT								
Harnett	171	89	6	19	58	83	177	+ 6
Johnston	149	127	14	31	73	118	158	+ 9
Lee	133	44	4	23	31	58	119	– 14
TOTAL	**453**	**260**	**24**	**73**	**162**	**259**	**454**	**+ 1**
12TH DISTRICT								
Cumberland	277	228	4	56	132	192	313	+ 36
Hoke	12	6	1	4	1	6	12	----
TOTAL	**289**	**234**	**5**	**60**	**133**	**198**	**325**	**+ 36**
13TH DISTRICT								
Bladen	19	24	0	7	14	21	22	+ 3
Brunswick	120	40	2	12	17	31	129	+ 9
Columbus	111	89	2	40	30	72	128	+ 17
TOTAL	**250**	**153**	**4**	**59**	**61**	**124**	**279**	**+ 29**

14TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of Jury	Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Durham	298	587	16	12	210	238	647	+ 349
15TH DISTRICT								
Alamance	146	127	2	43	63	108	165	+ 19
Chatham	39	23	2	5	20	27	35	– 4
Orange	209	109	4	36	30	70	248	+ 39
TOTAI	**394**	**259**	**8**	**84**	**113**	**205**	**448**	**+ 54**
16TH DISTRICT								
Robeson	74	114	8	70	35	113	75	+ 1
Scotland	25	50	3	43	9	55	20	– 5
TOTAL	**99**	**164**	**11**	**113**	**44**	**168**	**95**	**– 4**
17TH DISTRICT								
Caswell	8	11	1	5	5	11	8	-----
Rockingham	105	126	7	55	67	129	102	– 3
Stokes	28	36	0	28	15	43	21	– 7
Surry	104	60	15	7	59	81	83	– 21
TOTAL	**245**	**233**	**23**	**95**	**146**	**264**	**214**	**– 31**
18TH DISTRICT								
Guilford								
Greensboro	603	541	37	177	275	489	655	+ 52
High Point	205	141	29	37	56	122	224	+ 19
TOTAL	**808**	**682**	**66**	**214**	**331**	**611**	**879**	**+ 71**
19TH DISTRICT								
Cabarrus	94	97	16	36	25	77	114	+ 20
Montgomery	38	13	1	1	16	18	33	– 5
Randolph	159	93	17	41	83	141	111	– 48
Rowan	50	110	15	7	62	84	76	+ 26
TOTAL	**341**	**313**	**49**	**85**	**186**	**320**	**334**	**– 7**
20TH DISTRICT								
Anson	43	33	4	5	14	23	53	+ 10
Moore	113	68	9	46	15	70	111	+ 2
Richmond	85	59	12	31	8	51	93	+ 8
Stanly	22	44	2	2	22	26	40	+ 18
Union	92	93	6	19	49	74	111	+ 19
TOTAL	**355**	**297**	**33**	**103**	**108**	**244**	**408**	**+ 53**
21ST DISTRICT								
Forsyth	627	779	73	463	292	828	578	– 49
22ND DISTRICT								
Alexander	19	22	0	12	7	19	22	+ 3
Davidson	175	133	8	60	74	142	166	– 9
Davie	31	23	0	12	16	28	26	– 5
Iredell	110	110	4	80	57	141	79	– 31
TOTAL	**335**	**288**	**12**	**164**	**154**	**330**	**293**	**– 42**

23RD DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of Jury	Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Alleghany	14	6	2	1	3	6	14	----
Ashe	11	27	2	7	10	19	19	+ 8
Wilkes	85	85	13	25	51	89	81	– 4
Yadkin	54	23	6	14	12	32	45	– 9
TOTAL	**164**	**141**	**23**	**47**	**76**	**146**	**159**	**– 5**
24TH DISTRICT								
Avery	18	39	3	17	5	25	32	+ 14
Madison	48	39	13	14	16	43	44	– 4
Mitchell	24	38	4	0	6	10	52	+ 28
Watauga	37	27	0	7	10	17	47	+ 10
Yancey	18	18	3	7	9	19	17	– 1
TOTAL	**145**	**161**	**23**	**45**	**46**	**114**	**192**	**+ 47**
25TH DISTRICT								
Burke	84	102	55	16	32	103	83	– 1
Caldwell	61	112	0	21	50	71	102	+ 41
Catawba	127	149	4	36	63	103	173	+ 46
TOTAL	**272**	**363**	**59**	**73**	**145**	**277**	**358**	**+ 86**
26TH DISTRICT								
Mecklenburg	1,507	1,201	40	175	422	637	2,071	+ 564
27TH DISTRICT								
Cleveland	143	108	3	51	65	119	132	– 11
Gaston	297	385	25	104	142	271	411	+ 114
Lincoln	73	47	5	17	35	57	63	– 10
TOTAL	**513**	**540**	**33**	**172**	**242**	**447**	**606**	**+ 93**
28TH DISTRICT								
Buncombe	401	364	25	164	89	278	487	+ 86
29TH DISTRICT								
Henderson	336	71	7	54	29	90	317	– 19
McDowell	36	26	0	5	29	34	28	– 8
Polk	25	14	0	6	9	15	24	– 1
Rutherford	68	77	9	40	41	90	55	– 13
Transylvania	22	21	0	9	13	22	21	– 1
TOTAL	**487**	**209**	**16**	**114**	**121**	**251**	**445**	**– 42**
30TH DISTRICT								
Cherokee	14	22	2	3	5	10	26	+ 12
Clay	5	4	1	2	2	5	4	– 1
Graham	32	10	1	7	6	14	28	– 4
Haywood	65	49	2	10	15	27	87	+ 22
Jackson	70	71	5	19	19	43	98	+ 28
Macon	81	33	3	8	13	24	90	+ 9
Swain	64	17	1	5	17	23	58	– 6
TOTAL	**331**	**206**	**15**	**54**	**77**	**146**	**391**	**+ 60**
GRAND TOTAL	**12,210**	**10,065**	**674**	**3,287**	**4,797**	**8,758**	**13,517**	**+1,307**
Percent			**7.7%**	**37.5%**	**54.8%**	**100%**		

UTILIZATION OF CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1974 Calendar Year

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
1ST DISTRICT				
Camden	0	0	0	-----
Chowan	15	8½	6½	56.7
Currituck	10	1½	8½	15.0
Dare	5	3	2	60.0
Gates	0	0	0	-----
Pasquotank	25	17	8	68.0
Perquimans	5	2	3	40.0
TOTAL	**60**	**32**	**28**	**53.3**
2ND DISTRICT				
Beaufort	30	20	10	66.7
Hyde	5	3	2	60.0
Martin	20	12	8	60.0
Tyrrell	0	0	0	-----
Washington	10	6	4	60.0
TOTAL	**65**	**41**	**24**	**63.1**
3RD DISTRICT				
Carteret	20	10	10	50.0
Craven	30	21½	8½	71.7
Pamlico	1	½	½	50.0
Pitt	30	16½	13½	55.0
TOTAL	**81**	**48½**	**32½**	**59.9**
4TH DISTRICT				
Duplin	20	17	3	85.0
Jones	10	3½	6½	35.0
Onslow	20	12	8	60.0
Sampson	20	12½	7½	62.5
TOTAL	**70**	**45**	**25**	**64.3**
5TH DISTRICT				
New Hanover	50	33	17	66.0
Pender	10	2½	7½	25.0
TOTAL	**60**	**35½**	**24½**	**59.2**
6TH DISTRICT				
Bertie	17	10	7	58.8
Halifax	10	9	1	90.0
Hertford	10	4½	5½	45.0
Northampton	15	5½	9½	36.7
TOTAL	**52**	**29**	**23**	**55.8**

7TH DISTRICT	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Edgecombe	30	16	14	53.3
Nash	35	21½	13½	61.4
Wilson	40	21	19	52.5
TOTAL	**105**	**58½**	**46½**	**55.7**
8TH DISTRICT				
Greene	10	3	7	30.0
Lenoir	55	37	18	67.3
Wayne	50	28	22	56.0
TOTAL	**115**	**68**	**47**	**59.1**
9TH DISTRICT				
Franklin	25	16½	8½	66.0
Granville	20	12½	7½	62.5
Person	20	12	8	60.0
Vance	15	13	2	86.7
Warren	10	5	5	50.0
TOTAL	**90**	**59**	**31**	**65.6**
10TH DISTRICT				
Wake	193	166	27	86.0
11TH DISTRICT				
Harnett	40	32½	7½	81.3
Johnston	20	16	4	80.0
Lee	25	20½	4½	82.0
TOTAL	**85**	**69**	**16**	**81.2**
12TH DISTRICT				
Cumberland	55	33½	21½	60.9
Hoke	5	1	4	20.0
TOTAL	**60**	**34½**	**25½**	**57.5**
13TH DISTRICT				
Bladen	14	7	7	50.0
Brunswick	15	11½	3½	76.7
Columbus	35	20½	14½	58.6
TOTAL	**64**	**39**	**25**	**60.9**
14TH DISTRICT				
Durham	83	75	8	90.4
15TH DISTRICT				
Alamance	50	41	9	82.0
Chatham	16	7½	8½	46.9
Orange	30	23½	6½	78.3
TOTAL	**96**	**72**	**24**	**75.0**

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
16TH DISTRICT				
Robeson	35	28	7	80.0
Scotland	20	12½	7½	62.5
TOTAL	**55**	**40½**	**14½**	**73.6**
17TH DISTRICT				
Caswell	5	1	4	20.0
Rockingham	65	35½	29½	54.6
Stokes	5	4	1	80.0
Surry	40	22½	17½	56.3
TOTAL	**115**	**63**	**52**	**54.8**
18TH DISTRICT				
Guilford	245	194	51	79.2
19TH DISTRICT				
Cabarrus	50	29½	20½	59.0
Montgomery	5	4	1	80.0
Randolph	75	53	22	70.7
Rowan	50	32½	17½	65.0
TOTAL	**180**	**119**	**61**	**66.1**
20TH DISTRICT				
Anson	15	14	1	93.3
Moore	30	18½	11½	61.7
Richmond	35	22	13	62.9
Stanly	15	9	6	60.0
Union	35	29	6	82.9
TOTAL	**130**	**92½**	**37½**	**71.2**
21ST DISTRICT				
Forsyth	220	186	34	84.5
22ND DISTRICT				
Alexander	5	½	4½	10.0
Davidson	60	36	24	60.0
Davie	16	8	8	50.0
Iredell	45	34	11	75.6
TOTAL	**126**	**78½**	**47½**	**62.3**
23RD DISTRICT				
Alleghany	5	3	2	60.0
Ashe	10	3	7	30.0
Wilkes	45	35	10	77.8
Yadkin	20	16	4	80.0
TOTAL	**80**	**57**	**23**	**71.3**

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
24TH DISTRICT				
Avery	15	12	3	80.0
Madison	25	20	5	80.0
Mitchell	15	9	6	60.0
Watauga	15	11	4	73.3
Yancey	15	6½	8½	43.3
TOTAL	**85**	**58½**	**26½**	**68.8**
25TH DISTRICT				
Burke	55	41½	13½	75.5
Caldwell	35	23	12	65.7
Catawba	30	23	7	76.7
TOTAL	**120**	**87½**	**32½**	**72.9**
26TH DISTRICT				
Mecklenburg	395	325½	69½	82.4
27TH DISTRICT				
Cleveland	35	28	7	80.0
Gaston	95	77	18	81.1
Lincoln	15	12	3	80.0
TOTAL	**145**	**117**	**28**	**80.7**
28TH DISTRICT				
Buncombe	243	226	17	93.0
29TH DISTRICT				
Henderson	32	25	7	78.1
McDowell	10	7	3	70.0
Polk	6	4½	1½	75.0
Rutherford	30	21	9	70.0
Transylvania	7	7	0	100.0
TOTAL	**85**	**64½**	**20½**	**75.9**
30TH DISTRICT				
Cherokee	4	4½	0	112.5
Clay	7	2½	4½	35.7
Graham	15	9	6	60.0
Haywood	30	27	3	90.0
Jackson	33	28½	4½	86.4
Macon	15	14½	½	96.7
Swain	10	5½	4½	55.0
TOTAL	**114**	**91½**	**22½**	**80.3**
GRAND TOTAL	**3,617**	**2,673**	**944**	**73.9**

SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

The favorable results reported in this space for the last two years have not continued in 1974. While filings increased by 4,269 (10.1%), dispositions increased by only 64 cases. The negligible increase in dispositions (0.1%) indicates that this division was able to do no more than maintain the same level of dispositions achieved in 1973. In the face of increased filings and almost constant dispositions, the number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 13.4%, compared with *decreases* of 13.7% in 1973 and 9.9% in 1972. Nevertheless, this year's increase of 13.4% compares favorably with the increases of 28.3% and 32.3% in 1971 and 1970.

The rate of disposition (the percentage of filings which were disposed of) for 1974 is 95.9% compared with 105.4% in 1973 and 104.7% in 1972. The pending ratio rose from 32.3 in 1973 to 36.5 in 1974, indicating (all other things being equal) that the estimated amount of time for the court to dispose of all criminal cases pending has increased from less than four months to almost four and one-half months.

The number of days of superior court *scheduled* increased from 5,979 to 6.224 or 4.0%, but the number of days *held* increased from 5,047 to 5,086½, a minimal increase of 39½ days or .8%. This minimal increase compares with increases of 2.2% in 1973, 9.3% in 1972, and 9.0% in 1971.

For the second consecutive year since the district court has been operating in all 100 counties of the State, misdemeanors have constituted less than one-half of superior court filings. In prior years, there were always more misdemeanors than felonies on the superior court docket. This year misdemeanors constituted 44.8% of filings (a decrease from 47.8%) and felonies made up 55.2% (an increase from 52.2%).

It is interesting to note that only a very few criminal cases are disposed of through the drama of a courtroom trial. Of the 44,700 cases that were disposed of in 1974, only 3,524 (7.9%), followed a not-guilty plea for which a jury was impaneled. Significantly, this is a drop from 4,221 (9.5%) in 1973. The largest percentage of cases were disposed of by guilty pleas (22,379 or 50.1% up from 21,288 or 47.7% in 1973) and the remaining cases—18,797 or 42.0%, down from 19,127 or 42.8% in 1973—were disposed of by other means.

The ten counties with the largest criminal dockets accounted for 39.7% of the total cases pending at the end of the year. Fifty-two counties had 100 or fewer cases pending at the end of the year, and only seven counties had more than 500 cases pending.

In the order named, Wake, Guilford, Cumberland, Forsyth, and Mecklenburg had the largest number of cases filed in 1974. Among the counties that exceeded the statewide average for filings, the following counties had the largest percentage increases in filings between 1973 and 1974: Onslow (38.2%), New Hanover (37.6%), Richmond (36.0%), Iredell (35.4%), and Gaston (34.2%).

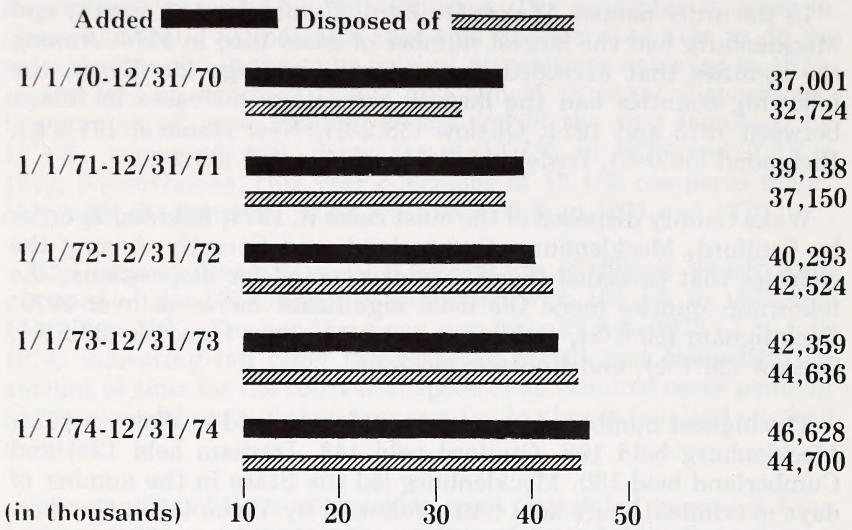
Wake County disposed of the most cases in 1974, followed in order by Guilford, Mecklenburg, Cumberland, and Forsyth. Among the counties that exceeded the statewide average for dispositions, the following counties made the most significant increases over 1973: Rockingham (50.6%), Columbus (33.2%), New Hanover (32.9%), Onslow (28.7%), and Robeson (26.2%).

The highest number of jury trials, 215, was held in Wake in 1974; Mecklenburg held 198, Guilford held 143, Durham held 131, and Cumberland held 130. Mecklenburg led the State in the number of days of criminal court held (391), followed by Wake (359), Cumberland (253), Guilford (234), and Buncombe (193).

The *1971 Annual Report* utilized pending ratios as a barometer of court performance for the first time. As already indicated, the pending ratio for 1974 is 36.5, suggesting that it would require about 4½ months to dispose of all cases pending. The pending ratio, of course, varies from county to county, and it is useful to apply that test to each county. The table at page 30 lists the ten counties with the highest pending ratios.

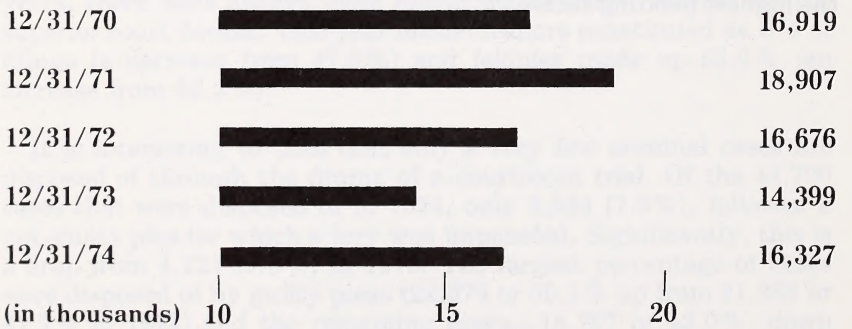
CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1974



CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

December 31, 1970 - December 31, 1974



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties 1973	27	27	26	16	4
1974	25	27	23	18	7

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-74	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-74	Percent of Filings Disposed of
*Wake	842	2,946	2,800	988	95.0
*Mecklenburg	935	2,142	2,157	920	100.7
*Alamance	614	1,117	1,021	710	91.4
*Forsyth	435	2,157	1,890	702	87.6
Gaston	203	905	442	666	48.8
*Guilford	566	2,639	2,584	621	97.9
*Cumberland	367	2,168	1,932	603	89.1
*New Hanover	476	1,921	1,873	524	97.5
Robeson	280	986	851	415	86.3
*Durham	346	985	992	339	100.7
STATE MEAN	**144**	**466**	**447**	**163**	**95.9**

*Counties that were listed in this table in the *1973 Annual Report.*

TEN COUNTIES WITH GREATEST PROPORTION OF CASES PENDING IN RELATION TO DISPOSITIONS[1]

County	Disposed of in 1974	Pending 12/31/74	Ratio
Gaston	442	666	150.6
*Granville	208	218	104.8
Lincoln	179	175	97.7
Moore	185	164	88.6
Wilkes	229	169	73.7
*Alamance	1,021	710	69.5
Orange	472	323	68.4
Caldwell	298	202	67.7
*Rowan	584	382	65.4
*Columbus	489	298	60.9
STATE MEAN	**447**	**163**	**36.5**

[1]Excluding counties with less than the statewide average of 163 cases pending on December 31, 1974.

*Counties that were listed in this table in the *1973 Annual Report.*

PERCENT OF CASES TRIED IN THE DISTRICT COURT WHICH WERE APPEALED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR TRIAL *DE NOVO*

Total number of cases tried in the District Court 387,153
(Includes only cases actually tried; excludes cases disposed of by waiver, preliminary hearing, *nol pros* or otherwise.)

Total number of cases appealed from the District Court for trial *de novo* in the Superior Court 20,866

Percent of cases tried in the District Court which were appealed to the Superior Court for trial *de novo* 5.39%

PERCENT OF SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS WHICH ARE CASES APPEALED FROM THE DISTRICT COURT FOR TRIAL *DE NOVO*

Total number of cases filed in Superior Court within its original jurisdiction 25,762

Total number of cases filed in Superior Court upon appeal from District Court for trial *de novo* 20,866

Total number of cases filed in Superior Court 46,628

Percent of Superior Court Filings consisting of cases appealed from District Court for trial *de novo* 44.75%

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

January 1, 1974 – December 31, 1974

	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss	
		Misdemeanors[1]	Felonies[2]	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total			
1ST DISTRICT											
Camden	41	33	3	36	8	39	13	60	17	–	24
Chowan	210	138	112	250	22	197	155	374	86	–	124
Currituck	107	131	48	179	22	131	49	202	84	–	23
Dare	52	244	79	323	35	150	117	302	73	+	21
Gates	29	66	19	85	4	42	23	69	45	+	16
Pasquotank	130	388	7	395	21	232	167	420	105	–	25
Perquimans	24	36	16	52	7	35	22	64	12	–	12
TOTAL	**593**	**1,036**	**284**	**1,320**	**119**	**826**	**546**	**1,491**	**422**	**–**	**171**
2ND DISTRICT											
Beaufort	83	189	159	348	42	188	103	333	98	+	15
Hyde	11	36	1	37	11	10	6	27	21	+	10
Martin	44	52	70	122	13	69	50	132	34	–	10
Tyrrell	11	25	1	26	6	17	0	23	14	+	3
Washington	41	53	60	113	13	39	17	69	85	+	44
TOTAL	**190**	**355**	**291**	**646**	**85**	**323**	**176**	**584**	**252**	**+**	**62**

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
3RD DISTRICT		Misdemeanors[1]	Felonies[2]	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Carteret	196	282	330	612	54	238	292	584	224	+ 28
Craven	210	336	301	637	74	239	309	622	225	+ 15
Pamlico	50	40	71	111	5	37	22	64	97	+ 47
Pitt	456	368	411	779	74	306	620	1,000	235	– 221
TOTAL	**912**	**1,026**	**1,113**	**2,139**	**207**	**820**	**1,243**	**2,270**	**781**	**– 131**
4TH DISTRICT										
Duplin	18	89	91	180	23	78	61	162	36	+ 18
Jones	20	15	15	30	6	10	22	38	12	– 8
Onslow	110	355	548	903	122	382	330	834	179	+ 69
Sampson	83	134	205	339	44	237	124	405	17	– 66
TOTAL	**231**	**593**	**859**	**1,452**	**195**	**707**	**537**	**1,439**	**244**	**+ 13**
5TH DISTRICT										
New Hanover	476	611	1,310	1,921	108	1,118	647	1,873	524	+ 48
Pender	56	65	147	212	14	114	76	204	64	+ 8
TOTAL	**532**	**676**	**1,457**	**2,133**	**122**	**1,232**	**723**	**2,077**	**588**	**+ 56**
6TH DISTRICT										
Bertie	28	26	90	116	7	84	40	131	13	– 15
Halifax	81	117	246	363	30	164	172	366	78	– 3
Hertford	38	80	91	171	14	70	49	133	76	+ 38
Northampton	63	38	43	81	10	38	69	117	27	– 36
TOTAL	**210**	**261**	**470**	**731**	**61**	**356**	**330**	**747**	**194**	**– 16**

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

7TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed: Misdemeanors[1]	Cases Filed: Felonies[2]	Cases Filed: Total	Cases Disposed of: Jury	Cases Disposed of: Plea	Cases Disposed of: Other	Cases Disposed of: Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Edgecombe	80	330	190	520	31	266	202	499	101	+ 21
Nash	134	389	363	752	27	417	179	623	263	+ 129
Wilson	161	269	355	624	48	335	215	598	187	+ 26
TOTAL	**375**	**988**	**908**	**1,896**	**106**	**1,018**	**596**	**1,720**	**551**	**+ 176**
8TH DISTRICT										
Greene	50	62	50	112	29	61	32	122	40	– 10
Lenior	98	166	238	404	40	191	217	448	54	– 44
Wayne	476	212	255	467	66	315	332	713	230	– 246
TOTAL	**624**	**440**	**543**	**983**	**135**	**567**	**581**	**1,283**	**324**	**– 300**
9TH DISTRICT										
Franklin	146	329	103	432	22	189	149	360	218	+ 72
Granville	145	181	100	281	7	108	93	208	218	+ 73
Person	166	211	57	268	21	136	162	319	115	– 51
Vance	180	198	271	469	16	241	197	454	195	+ 15
Warren	77	103	93	196	7	57	113	177	96	+ 19
TOTAL	**714**	**1,022**	**624**	**1,646**	**73**	**731**	**714**	**1,518**	**842**	**+ 128**
10TH DISTRICT										
Wake	842	1,310	1,636	2,946	215	1,367	1,218	2,800	988	+ 146
11TH DISTRICT										
Harnett	34	70	182	252	30	108	112	250	36	+ 2
Johnston	42	144	184	328	31	173	121	325	45	+ 3
Lee	8	95	130	225	14	103	56	173	60	+ 52
TOTAL	**84**	**309**	**496**	**805**	**75**	**384**	**289**	**748**	**141**	**+ 57**

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Pending	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending	Gain or
12TH DISTRICT	1/1/74	Misdemeanors[1]	Felonies[2]	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total	12/31/74	Loss
Cumberland	367	539	1,629	2,168	130	862	940	1,932	603	+ 236
Hoke	51	76	111	187	11	119	67	197	41	– 10
TOTAL	**418**	**615**	**1,740**	**2,355**	**141**	**981**	**1,007**	**2,129**	**644**	**+ 226**
13TH DISTRICT										
Bladen	105	127	124	251	20	119	61	200	156	+ 51
Brunswick	136	141	107	248	30	113	90	233	151	+ 15
Columbus	245	285	257	542	48	293	148	489	298	+ 53
TOTAL	**486**	**553**	**488**	**1,041**	**98**	**525**	**299**	**922**	**605**	**+ 119**
14TH DISTRICT										
Durham	346	243	742	985	131	495	366	992	339	– 7
15TH DISTRICT										
Alamance	614	285	832	1,117	54	240	727	1,021	710	+ 96
Chatham	91	61	144	205	38	88	101	227	69	– 22
Orange	166	83	546	629	36	128	308	472	323	+ 157
TOTAL	**871**	**429**	**1,522**	**1,951**	**128**	**456**	**1,136**	**1,720**	**1,102**	**+ 231**
16TH DISTRICT										
Robeson	280	362	624	986	79	589	183	851	415	+ 135
Scotland	91	155	228	383	8	243	70	321	153	+ 62
TOTAL	**371**	**517**	**852**	**1,369**	**87**	**832**	**253**	**1,172**	**568**	**+ 197**

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
17TH DISTRICT		Misdemeanors[1]	Felonies[2]	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Caswell	34	103	46	149	6	81	52	139	44	+ 10
Rockingham	209	846	115	961	40	671	368	1,079	91	– 118
Stokes	84	89	77	166	30	95	14	139	111	+ 27
Surry	132	356	191	547	21	424	127	572	107	– 25
TOTAL	**459**	**1,394**	**429**	**1,823**	**97**	**1,271**	**561**	**1,929**	**353**	**– 106**
18TH DISTRICT										
Guilford –										
Greensboro	353	714	1,091	1,805	108	975	721	1,804	354	+ 1
High Point	213	247	587	834	35	415	330	780	267	+ 54
TOTAL	**566**	**961**	**1,678**	**2,639**	**143**	**1,390**	**1,051**	**2,584**	**621**	**+ 55**
19TH DISTRICT										
Cabarrus	197	411	455	866	54	430	372	856	207	+ 10
Montgomery	102	120	120	240	21	117	118	256	86	– 16
Randolph	173	238	215	453	58	207	232	497	129	– 44
Rowan	338	274	354	628	47	294	243	584	382	+ 44
TOTAL	**810**	**1,043**	**1,144**	**2,187**	**180**	**1,048**	**965**	**2,193**	**804**	**– 6**
20TH DISTRICT										
Anson	100	100	153	253	28	119	127	274	79	– 21
Moore	90	122	137	259	16	75	94	185	164	+ 74
Richmond	138	160	312	472	24	258	216	498	112	– 26
Stanly	105	183	201	384	13	234	140	387	102	– 3
Union	247	228	335	563	73	298	356	727	83	– 164
TOTAL	**680**	**793**	**1,138**	**1,931**	**154**	**984**	**933**	**2,071**	**540**	**– 140**

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Pending	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending	Gain or
21ST DISTRICT	1/1/74	Misdemeanors[1]	Felonies[2]	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total	12/31/74	Loss
Forsyth	435	1,287	870	2,157	72	954	864	1,890	702	+ 267
22ND DISTRICT										
Alexander	82	165	96	261	13	149	118	280	63	– 19
Davidson	173	493	260	753	20	435	263	718	208	+ 35
Davie	65	163	6	169	6	102	58	166	68	+ 3
Iredell	113	679	326	1,005	47	540	379	966	152	+ 39
TOTAL	**433**	**1,500**	**688**	**2,188**	**86**	**1,226**	**818**	**2,130**	**491**	**+ 58**
23RD DISTRICT										
Alleghany	21	21	24	45	4	46	3	53	13	– 8
Ashe	20	55	55	110	4	43	31	78	52	+ 32
Wilkes	41	174	183	357	29	82	118	229	169	+ 128
Yadkin	37	59	63	122	4	71	40	115	44	+ 7
TOTAL	**119**	**309**	**325**	**634**	**41**	**242**	**192**	**475**	**278**	**+ 159**
24TH DISTRICT										
Avery	38	58	25	83	9	50	4	63	58	+ 20
Madison	87	43	35	78	13	19	72	104	61	– 26
Mitchell	35	25	18	43	9	9	19	37	41	+ 6
Watauga	72	45	97	142	4	44	50	98	116	+ 44
Yancey	19	15	29	44	5	23	16	44	19	----
TOTAL	**251**	**186**	**204**	**390**	**40**	**145**	**161**	**346**	**295**	**+ 44**

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
25TH DISTRICT		Misdemeanors[1]	Felonies[2]	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Burke	58	152	204	356	39	149	159	347	67	+ 9
Caldwell	134	210	156	366	35	114	149	298	202	+ 68
Catawba	219	316	338	654	34	297	242	573	300	+ 81
TOTAL	**411**	**678**	**698**	**1,376**	**108**	**560**	**550**	**1,218**	**569**	**+ 158**
26TH DISTRICT										
Mecklenburg	935	958	1,184	2,142	198	883	1,076	2,157	920	– 15
27TH DISTRICT										
Cleveland	58	113	303	416	43	166	121	330	144	+ 86
Gaston	203	286	619	905	48	206	188	442	666	+ 463
Lincoln	139	62	153	215	18	92	69	179	175	+ 36
TOTAL	**400**	**461**	**1,075**	**1,536**	**109**	**464**	**378**	**951**	**985**	**+ 585**
28TH DISTRICT										
Buncombe	305	281	814	1,095	109	542	440	1,091	309	+ 4
29TH DISTRICT										
Henderson	84	102	254	356	24	156	173	353	87	+ 3
McDowell	153	33	176	209	52	110	126	288	74	– 79
Polk	19	22	30	52	2	22	26	50	21	+ 2
Rutherford	104	125	141	266	60	90	124	274	96	– 8
Transylvania	55	36	83	119	26	29	58	113	61	+ 6
TOTAL	**415**	**318**	**684**	**1,002**	**164**	**407**	**507**	**1,078**	**339**	**– 76**

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

30TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
		Misdemeanors[1]	Felonies[2]	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Cherokee	60	52	21	73	13	57	44	114	19	– 41
Clay	7	8	51	59	0	10	3	13	53	+ 46
Graham	26	15	32	47	3	48	0	51	22	– 4
Haywood	158	118	300	418	14	280	125	419	157	– 1
Jackson	74	44	270	314	6	191	41	238	150	+ 76
Macon	19	47	127	174	4	49	37	90	103	+ 84
Swain	37	40	5	45	5	8	37	50	32	– 5
TOTAL	**381**	**324**	**806**	**1,130**	**45**	**643**	**287**	**975**	**536**	**+ 155**
GRAND TOTAL	**14,399**	**20,866**	**25,762**	**46,628**	**3,524**	**22,379**	**18,797**	**44,700**	**16,327**	**+1,928**
Percent		**44.8**	**55.2**	**100**	**7.9**	**50.1**	**42.0**	**100**		

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

UTILIZATION OF CRIMINAL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1974 Calendar Year

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
1ST DISTRICT				
Camden	20	8	12	40.0
Chowan	35	26	9	74.3
Currituck	25	19	6	76.0
Dare	45	29½	15½	65.5
Gates	10	8	2	80.0
Pasquotank	55	34½	20½	62.7
Perquimans	15	11	4	73.3
TOTAL	**205**	**136**	**69**	**66.3**
2ND DISTRICT				
Beaufort	65	48	17	73.9
Hyde	10	7	3	70.0
Martin	25	19	6	76.0
Tyrrell	10	4	6	40.0
Washington	15	12	3	80.0
TOTAL	**125**	**90**	**35**	**72.0**
3RD DISTRICT				
Carteret	70	48½	21½	69.3
Craven	95	68	27	71.6
Pamlico	9	5	4	55.6
Pitt	110	88	22	80.0
TOTAL	**284**	**209½**	**74½**	**73.8**
4TH DISTRICT				
Duplin	30	24	6	80.0
Jones	20	6	14	30.0
Onslow	105	83½	21½	79.5
Sampson	45	32½	12½	72.2
TOTAL	**200**	**146**	**54**	**73.0**
5TH DISTRICT				
New Hanover	210	176	34	83.8
Pender	28	20	8	71.4
TOTAL	**238**	**196**	**42**	**82.4**
6TH DISTRICT				
Bertie	23	22	1	95.7
Halifax	50	45½	4½	91.0
Hertford	20	15	5	75.0
Northampton	20	13½	6½	67.5
TOTAL	**113**	**96**	**17**	**85.0**

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
7TH DISTRICT				
Edgecombe	40	30½	9½	76.3
Nash	60	47	13	78.3
Wilson	65	54	11	83.1
TOTAL	**165**	**131½**	**33½**	**79.7**
8TH DISTRICT				
Greene	25	20½	4½	82.0
Lenoir	65	50	15	76.9
Wayne	125	100	25	80.0
TOTAL	**215**	**170½**	**44½**	**79.3**
9TH DISTRICT				
Franklin	35	27	8	77.1
Granville	20	16	4	80.0
Person	30	35	5	116.7
Vance	40	28	12	70.0
Warren	15	9	6	60.0
TOTAL	**140**	**115**	**25**	**82.1**
10TH DISTRICT				
Wake	397	359	38	90.4
11TH DISTRICT				
Harnett	50	41	9	82.0
Johnston	43	31½	11½	73.3
Lee	30	21	9	70.0
TOTAL	**123**	**93½**	**29½**	**76.0**
12TH DISTRICT				
Cumberland	300	253	47	84.3
Hoke	30	21	9	70.0
TOTAL	**330**	**274**	**56**	**83.0**
13TH DISTRICT				
Bladen	21	19	2	90.5
Brunswick	25	20½	4½	82.0
Columbus	55	48	7	87.3
TOTAL	**101**	**87½**	**13½**	**86.6**
14TH DISTRICT				
Durham	192	180½	11½	94.0
15TH DISTRICT				
Alamance	90	82	8	91.1
Chatham	34	27½	6½	80.9
Orange	65	58	7	89.2
TOTAL	**189**	**167½**	**21½**	**88.6**

16TH DISTRICT	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Robeson	125	120	5	96.0
Scotland	20	18	2	90.0
TOTAL	**145**	**138**	**7**	**95.2**
17TH DISTRICT				
Caswell	30	21	9	70.0
Rockingham	85	64	21	75.3
Stokes	15	15	0	100.0
Surry	40	23	17	57.5
TOTAL	**170**	**123**	**47**	**72.4**
18TH DISTRICT				
Guilford	285	234	51	82.1
19TH DISTRICT				
Cabarrus	75	60	15	80.0
Montgomery	30	15	15	50.0
Randolph	70	54½	15½	77.9
Rowan	65	61	4	93.8
TOTAL	**240**	**190½**	**49½**	**79.4**
20TH DISTRICT				
Anson	35	30½	4½	87.1
Moore	40	35	5	87.5
Richmond	50	39½	10½	79.0
Stanly	45	29	16	64.4
Union	75	66	9	88.0
TOTAL	**245**	**200**	**45**	**81.6**
21ST DISTRICT				
Forsyth	205	192	13	93.7
22ND DISTRICT				
Alexander	20	13½	6½	67.5
Davidson	90	57½	32½	63.9
Davie	19	14	5	73.7
Iredell	90	70½	19½	78.3
TOTAL	**219**	**155½**	**63½**	**71.0**
23RD DISTRICT				
Alleghany	15	6	9	40.0
Ashe	20	11½	8½	57.5
Wilkes	50	39	11	78.0
Yadkin	20	13	7	65.0
TOTAL	**105**	**69½**	**35½**	**66.2**

24TH DISTRICT	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Avery	10	8	2	80.0
Madison	20	14	6	70.0
Mitchell	10	7	3	70.0
Watauga	20	20	0	100.0
Yancey	15	9	6	60.0
TOTAL	**75**	**58**	**17**	**77.3**
25TH DISTRICT				
Burke	75	62	13	82.7
Caldwell	75	63½	11½	84.7
Catawba	110	94	16	85.5
TOTAL	**260**	**219½**	**40½**	**84.4**
26TH DISTRICT				
Mecklenburg	455	391	64	85.9
27TH DISTRICT				
Cleveland	75	62	13	82.7
Gaston	150	128½	21½	85.7
Lincoln	45	40	5	88.9
TOTAL	**270**	**230½**	**39½**	**85.4**
28TH DISTRICT				
Buncombe	222	193	29	86.9
29TH DISTRICT				
Henderson	33	29	4	87.9
McDowell	55	45	10	81.8
Polk	9	6	3	66.7
Rutherford	40	35	5	87.5
Transylvania	28	24	4	85.7
TOTAL	**165**	**139**	**26**	**84.2**
30TH DISTRICT				
Cherokee	26	17½	8½	67.3
Clay	8	2½	5½	31.3
Graham	10	7	3	70.0
Haywood	30	28	2	93.3
Jackson	22	14½	7½	65.9
Macon	15	9½	5½	63.3
Swain	20	9	11	45.0
TOTAL	**131**	**88**	**43**	**67.2**
GRAND TOTAL	**6,209**	**5,074**	**1,135**	**81.7**

ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF BEFORE THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

	ESTATES				SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS			
	Pending 1/1/74	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/74	Pending 1/1/74	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/74
1ST DISTRICT								
Camden	24	22	13	33	9	23	14	18
Chowan	127	91	92	126	83	61	37	107
Currituck	67	80	56	91	51	31	49	33
Dare	258	90	96	252	48	47	39	56
Gates	139	53	33	159	39	33	10	62
Pasquotank	202	128	135	195	91	89	90	90
Perquimans	101	60	37	124	49	28	27	50
TOTAL	**918**	**524**	**462**	**980**	**370**	**312**	**266**	**416**
2ND DISTRICT								
Beaufort	381	258	248	391	336	145	130	351
Hyde	29	35	22	42	27	23	23	27
Martin	208	130	127	211	129	71	46	154
Tyrrell	20	27	21	26	9	21	9	21
Washington	78	56	55	79	57	55	42	70
TOTAL	**716**	**506**	**473**	**749**	**558**	**315**	**250**	**623**
3RD DISTRICT								
Carteret	256	245	200	301	134	151	127	158
Craven	418	215	216	417	197	172	203	166
Pamlico	59	63	59	63	35	33	25	43
Pitt	619	343	442	520	121	401	377	145
TOTAL	**1,352**	**866**	**917**	**1,301**	**487**	**757**	**732**	**512**
4TH DISTRICT								
Duplin	304	202	204	302	291	293	239	345
Jones	74	50	34	90	43	63	73	33
Onslow	423	165	154	434	272	244	241	275
Sampson	357	259	186	430	229	209	120	318
TOTAL	**1,158**	**676**	**578**	**1,256**	**835**	**809**	**673**	**971**
5TH DISTRICT								
New Hanover	343	341	267	417	457	390	98	749
Pender	137	94	115	116	219	79	72	226
TOTAL	**480**	**435**	**382**	**533**	**676**	**469**	**170**	**975**

	ESTATES				SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS			
	Pending 1/1/74	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/74	Pending 1/1/74	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/74
6TH DISTRICT								
Bertie	227	113	96	244	90	81	46	125
Halifax	525	254	209	570	333	230	171	392
Hertford	153	115	97	171	76	67	51	92
Northampton	184	87	115	156	89	64	57	96
TOTAL	**1,089**	**569**	**517**	**1,141**	**588**	**442**	**325**	**705**
7TH DISTRICT								
Edgecombe	401	262	252	411	137	206	177	166
Nash	501	287	264	524	181	202	171	212
Wilson	573	292	243	622	255	266	166	355
TOTAL	**1,475**	**841**	**759**	**1,557**	**573**	**674**	**514**	**733**
8TH DISTRICT								
Greene	122	59	70	111	48	59	48	59
Lenoir	321	250	220	351	159	215	202	172
Wayne	633	298	282	649	220	976	930	266
TOTAL	**1,076**	**607**	**572**	**1,111**	**427**	**1,250**	**1,180**	**497**
9TH DISTRICT								
Franklin	300	101	164	237	185	154	105	234
Granville	257	175	180	252	45	501	101	445
Person	211	128	128	211	138	88	66	160
Vance	319	180	211	288	172	148	139	181
Warren	207	88	70	225	118	51	50	119
TOTAL	**1,294**	**672**	**753**	**1,213**	**658**	**942**	**461**	**1,139**
10TH DISTRICT								
Wake	1,346	885	773	1,458	293	1,584	1,569	308
11TH DISTRICT								
Harnett	495	235	177	553	321	237	289	269
Johnston	618	439	458	599	319	300	386	233
Lee	314	157	159	312	160	165	174	151
TOTAL	**1,427**	**831**	**794**	**1,464**	**800**	**702**	**849**	**653**
12TH DISTRICT								
Cumberland	792	551	606	737	464	882	901	445
Hoke	83	68	28	123	65	78	29	114
TOTAL	**875**	**619**	**634**	**860**	**529**	**960**	**930**	**559**
13TH DISTRICT								
Bladen	161	87	117	131	114	99	118	95
Brunswick	170	131	105	196	130	198	131	197
Columbus	338	192	152	378	153	161	106	208
TOTAL	**669**	**410**	**374**	**705**	**397**	**458**	**355**	**500**

	ESTATES				SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS			
	Pending 1/1/74	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/74	Pending 1/1/74	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/74
14TH DISTRICT								
Durham	1,311	762	718	1,355	236	780	749	267
15TH DISTRICT								
Alamance	411	605	553	463	111	264	203	172
Chatham	311	158	151	318	276	119	69	326
Orange	492	249	225	516	227	275	224	278
TOTAL	**1,214**	**1,012**	**929**	**1,297**	**614**	**658**	**496**	**776**
16TH DISTRICT								
Robeson	458	401	213	646	228	347	207	368
Scotland	192	93	91	194	74	83	68	89
TOTAL	**650**	**494**	**304**	**840**	**302**	**430**	**275**	**457**
17TH DISTRICT								
Caswell	106	101	91	116	50	31	22	59
Rockingham	748	419	405	762	310	243	170	383
Stokes	179	103	126	156	60	91	65	86
Surry	428	183	191	420	92	116	82	126
TOTAL	**1,461**	**806**	**813**	**1,454**	**512**	**481**	**339**	**654**
18TH DISTRICT								
Guilford	2,725	1,204	1,151	2,778	700	1,318	1,477	541
19TH DISTRICT								
Cabarrus	552	415	376	591	209	254	331	132
Montgomery	134	95	76	153	67	164	185	46
Randolph	415	329	285	459	291	292	219	364
Rowan	820	533	554	799	395	517	219	693
TOTAL	**1,921**	**1,372**	**1,291**	**2,002**	**962**	**1,227**	**954**	**1,235**
20TH DISTRICT								
Anson	378	108	73	413	242	103	83	262
Moore	517	284	337	464	124	132	110	146
Richmond	172	266	116	322	160	127	71	216
Stanly	568	259	240	587	207	182	143	246
Union	362	268	252	378	74	173	207	40
TOTAL	**1,997**	**1,185**	**1,018**	**2,164**	**807**	**717**	**614**	**910**
21ST DISTRICT								
Forsyth	1,786	1,200	1,403	1,583	372	971	987	356
22ND DISTRICT								
Alexander	105	77	71	111	46	45	7	84
Davidson	658	434	452	640	213	311	303	221
Davie	116	95	93	118	49	65	55	59
Iredell	712	437	443	706	251	293	282	262
TOTAL	**1,591**	**1,043**	**1,059**	**1,575**	**559**	**714**	**647**	**626**

	ESTATES				SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS			
	Pending 1/1/74	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/74	Pending 1/1/74	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/74
23RD DISTRICT								
Alleghany	77	71	62	86	27	40	39	28
Ashe	130	86	100	116	62	85	65	82
Wilkes	354	157	190	321	303	221	212	312
Yadkin	257	144	150	251	53	75	78	50
TOTAL	**818**	**458**	**502**	**774**	**445**	**421**	**394**	**472**
24TH DISTRICT								
Avery	90	58	46	102	36	105	71	70
Madison	121	79	81	119	116	77	56	137
Mitchell	138	62	67	133	46	51	46	51
Watauga	135	96	104	127	72	127	129	70
Yancey	111	61	78	94	52	89	113	28
TOTAL	**595**	**356**	**376**	**575**	**322**	**449**	**415**	**356**
25TH DISTRICT								
Burke	606	264	234	636	495	1,665	193	1,967
Caldwell	471	214	248	437	322	224	202	344
Catawba	810	419	313	916	182	311	172	321
TOTAL	**1,887**	**897**	**795**	**1,989**	**999**	**2,200**	**567**	**2,632**
26TH DISTRICT								
Mecklenburg	3,210	1,944	1,883	3,271	668	1,492	1,659	501
27TH DISTRICT								
Cleveland	409	266	289	386	177	302	263	216
Gaston	792	588	509	871	493	815	667	641
Lincoln	260	174	211	223	114	154	146	122
TOTAL	**1,461**	**1,028**	**1,009**	**1,480**	**784**	**1,271**	**1,076**	**979**
28TH DISTRICT								
Buncombe	1,933	1,115	999	2,049	0	781	503	278
29TH DISTRICT								
Henderson	429	307	285	451	335	207	212	330
McDowell	154	125	85	194	124	169	133	160
Polk	157	75	43	189	91	27	61	57
Rutherford	375	222	252	345	151	170	190	131
Transylvania	223	123	80	266	41	96	70	67
TOTAL	**1,338**	**852**	**745**	**1,445**	**742**	**669**	**666**	**745**
30TH DISTRICT								
Cherokee	144	71	79	136	32	52	44	40
Clay	26	33	29	30	15	12	14	13
Graham	45	24	41	28	4	17	12	9
Haywood	299	221	170	350	197	105	102	200
Jackson	150	85	81	154	62	95	62	95
Macon	213	97	123	187	76	57	30	103
Swain	11	124	16	119	10	93	21	82
TOTAL	**888**	**655**	**539**	**1,004**	**396**	**431**	**285**	**542**
GRAND TOTAL	**40,661**	**24,824**	**23,522**	**41,963**	**16,611**	**24,684**	**20,377**	**20,918**

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

The *total* of civil and criminal filings in this division increased by 7.8% and total dispositions increased by 6.1%. The larger increases were experienced in the civil division. There has been an increase from last year in the ratio between criminal cases pending at the end of the year and dispositions for the year. The ratio for criminal cases is 10.5 indicating that it would require about 5 weeks for the district court to dispose of its criminal docket (up from 4 weeks last year). The ratio for civil cases also increased from 33.5 to 35.9, the estimated time needed to dispose of all civil cases increasing from about four months to about four months and one week.

The total number of days of district court held in 1974 increased by 3.5% over 1973, the number of civil days increasing from 5,728½ to 6,018½ and the number of criminal days increasing from 10,893½ to 11,193. Upon assignment by the Chief Justice, district court judges held 244 days of court in judicial districts other than their own, down from 334½ such days in 1973.

The tables relating to juvenile proceedings are found on pages 68 and 75. The number of new cases opened (children before the court for the first time) increased from 14,514 to 15,504 or 6.8%. The number of adjudicatory hearings increased from 25,818 to 28,830 or 11.7%. The composition of the caseload varies little from year to year: delinquency accounted for 62.2%, undisciplined for 22.2%, dependency for 7.4% and neglect for 7.8%. The bulk of delinquency charges were for misdemeanors (62.4%), 21.1% were for felonies, 16.4% were for violations of probation, and .1% were for capital felonies. The largest increase from last year was in the dependent category. Allegations of dependency increased by 23.3% and dependency hearings increased by 22.9%. On the other hand, allegations of neglect decreased by 1.8% and neglect hearings decreased by 10.9%.

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

Civil filings have again increased significantly, this year by 18.9%. The change in the small claim jurisdiction of magistrates from $300 to $500 (effective July 1, 1974) resulted in a 22% increase in small claim filings, whereas domestic filings increased by only 12% and other civil actions increased by only 14%. The rate of disposition was 93.1% (fewer cases were disposed of than were filed).

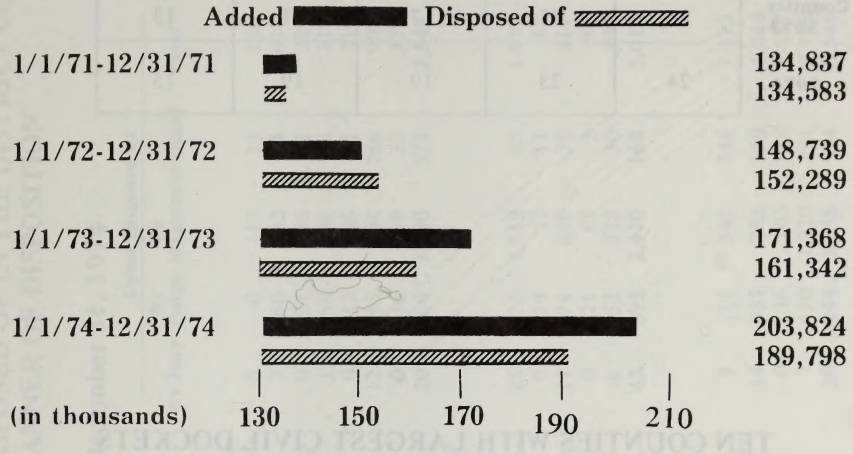
Among all 100 counties, the 10 counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 51.5% of the total civil cases pending. Forty-seven counties had 300 or fewer cases pending at the end of the year and 15 counties had more than 1,000 pending. As stated above, the ratio of pending cases to the year's dispositions is 35.9, indicating that the docket could be disposed of in about four and one-half months.

Of the 203,824 cases filed in 1974, 66.6% were small claims, 12.7% were domestic cases, and 20.7% were regular civil actions in which a hearing before a district court judge was requested. Of the 189,798 cases which were disposed of, 17.8% were handled by a judge without a jury, a jury was impaneled in .5% of the cases, magistrates disposed of 67.0%, and the remaining 14.7% were disposed of by other means. It is notable that jury cases dropped by more than one-half from 1973. In 1973, a jury was impaneled in 2,048 cases; this year a jury was impaneled in only 962 cases.

When the plaintiff so requests, claims for $500 or less are subject to assignment to a magistrate. Magistrates continue to dispose of almost all of these small claims. In 1974, magistrates disposed of 93.5% of such claims.

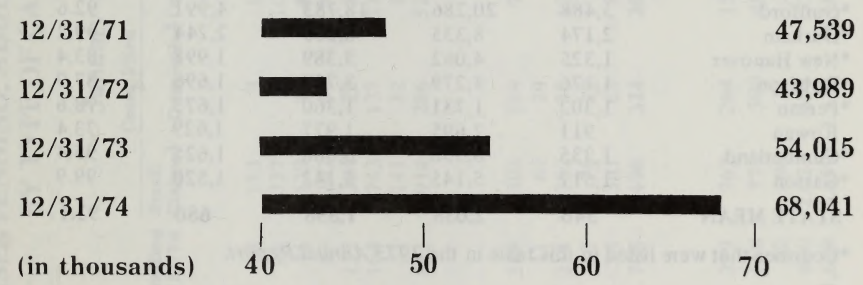
CIVIL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

January 1, 1971 - December 31, 1974



CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT

December 31, 1971 - December 31, 1974



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 100	101-300	301-500	501-1000	Over 1000
Number of Counties 1973	26	27	17	17	13
1974	24	23	19	19	15

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-74	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-74	Percent of Filings Disposed of
*Mecklenburg	8,114	22,470	18,081	12,503	80.5
*Wake	4,029	12,303	11,201	5,131	91.0
*Guilford	3,488	20,286	18,783	4,991	92.6
*Durham	2,174	8,335	8,265	2,244	99.2
*New Hanover	1,325	4,062	3,389	1,998	83.4
*Robeson	1,176	4,279	3,759	1,696	87.9
*Person	1,302	1,731	1,360	1,673	78.6
Rowan	911	2,695	1,977	1,629	73.4
*Cumberland	1,335	6,358	6,068	1,625	95.4
*Gaston	1,517	5,145	5,142	1,520	99.9
STATE MEAN	**540**	**2,038**	**1,898**	**680**	**93.1**

*Counties that were listed in this table in the *1973 Annual Report.*

CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

January 1, 1974 – December 31, 1974

	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed of					Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
		Small Claims[1]	Domestic[2]	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total		
1ST DISTRICT												
Camden	8	113	9	10	132	0	0	117	13	130	10	+ 2
Chowan	68	327	0	108	435	7	60	282	64	413	90	+ 22
Currituck	44	179	42	41	262	0	21	186	22	229	77	+ 33
Dare	85	207	64	89	360	1	56	206	54	317	128	+ 43
Gates	153	204	22	31	257	0	12	286	21	319	91	– 62
Pasquotank	164	743	137	222	1,102	12	95	704	186	997	269	+ 105
Perquimans	31	141	12	19	172	0	16	109	13	138	65	+ 34
TOTAL	**553**	**1,914**	**286**	**520**	**2,720**	**20**	**260**	**1,890**	**373**	**2,543**	**730**	**+ 177**
2ND DISTRICT												
Beaufort	388	1,305	189	94	1,588	25	222	1,319	85	1,651	325	– 63
Hyde	11	62	29	7	98	0	24	52	11	87	22	+ 11
Martin	214	752	30	122	904	11	74	690	39	814	304	+ 90
Tyrrell	17	76	13	6	95	0	21	61	3	85	27	+ 10
Washington	75	301	63	33	397	6	52	288	30	376	96	+ 21
TOTAL	**705**	**2,496**	**324**	**262**	**3,082**	**42**	**393**	**2,410**	**168**	**3,013**	**774**	**+ 69**
3RD DISTRICT												
Carteret	279	762	264	150	1,176	9	311	547	146	1,013	442	+ 163
Craven	568	778	500	402	1,680	14	487	788	359	1,648	600	+ 32
Pamlico	42	96	11	32	139	0	16	103	18	137	44	+ 2
Pitt	800	2,023	398	520	2,941	7	430	1,920	391	2,748	993	+ 193
TOTAL	**1,689**	**3,659**	**1,173**	**1,104**	**5,936**	**30**	**1,244**	**3,358**	**914**	**5,546**	**2,079**	**+ 390**

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2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244.

	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed: Small Claims[1]	Domestic[2]	Other	Total	Cases Disposed of: By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
4TH DISTRICT												
Duplin	216	1,013	182	167	1,362	9	196	917	126	1,248	330	+ 114
Jones	47	111	0	69	180	0	47	108	21	176	51	+ 4
Onslow	966	2,029	666	157	2,852	74	703	1,776	138	2,691	1,127	+ 161
Sampson	158	1,461	144	159	1,764	7	140	1,323	172	1,642	280	+ 122
TOTAL	**1,387**	**4,614**	**992**	**552**	**6,158**	**90**	**1,086**	**4,124**	**457**	**5,757**	**1,788**	**+ 401**
5TH DISTRICT												
New Hanover	1,325	2,427	771	864	4,062	210	569	1,989	621	3,389	1,998	+ 673
Pender	293	396	90	117	603	5	88	388	79	560	336	+ 43
TOTAL	**1,618**	**2,823**	**861**	**981**	**4,665**	**215**	**657**	**2,377**	**700**	**3,949**	**2,334**	**+ 716**
6TH DISTRICT												
Bertie	169	455	40	108	603	6	59	374	84	523	249	+ 80
Halifax	518	1,283	245	125	1,653	1	268	1,253	129	1,651	520	+ 2
Hertford	323	346	107	84	537	2	87	322	111	522	338	+ 15
Northampton	246	490	85	45	620	2	99	422	48	571	295	+ 49
TOTAL	**1,256**	**2,574**	**477**	**362**	**3,413**	**11**	**513**	**2,371**	**372**	**3,267**	**1,402**	**+ 146**
7TH DISTRICT												
Edgecombe	258	2,099	192	285	2,576	10	261	2,029	160	2,460	374	+ 116
Nash	384	1,215	434	316	1,965	26	504	1,233	199	1,962	387	+ 3
Wilson	382	2,317	263	355	2,935	6	377	2,297	240	2,920	397	+ 15
TOTAL	**1,024**	**5,631**	**889**	**956**	**7,476**	**42**	**1,142**	**5,559**	**599**	**7,342**	**1,158**	**+ 134**
8TH DISTRICT												
Greene	130	316	25	21	362	4	34	282	87	407	85	– 45
Lenoir	449	2,197	369	433	2,999	5	402	2,185	431	3,023	425	– 24
Wayne	1,084	2,130	628	1,058	3,816	22	616	2,061	776	3,475	1,425	+ 341
TOTAL	**1,663**	**4,643**	**1,022**	**1,512**	**7,177**	**31**	**1,052**	**4,528**	**1,294**	**6,905**	**1,935**	**+ 272**

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9TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed: Small Claims[1]	Domestic[2]	Other	Total	Cases Disposed of: By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Franklin	574	627	114	68	809	0	92	608	56	756	627	+ 53
Granville	240	924	118	65	1,107	3	94	933	82	1,112	235	– 5
Person	1,302	1,464	29	238	1,731	1	129	1,097	133	1,360	1,673	+ 371
Vance	581	1,898	8	278	2,184	5	95	1,985	149	2,234	531	– 50
Warren	176	399	65	17	481	3	42	334	43	422	235	+ 59
TOTAL	**2,873**	**5,312**	**334**	**666**	**6,312**	**12**	**452**	**4,957**	**463**	**5,884**	**3,301**	**+ 428**
10TH DISTRICT												
Wake	4,029	7,221	1,778	3,304	12,303	12	1,609	6,847	2,733	11,201	5,131	+1 102
11TH DISTRICT												
Harnett	634	1,116	337	537	1,990	14	251	1,068	288	1,621	1,003	+ 369
Johnston	597	1,161	39	1,185	2,385	12	387	1,158	637	2,194	788	+ 191
Lee	494	1,072	202	188	1,462	10	341	1,060	259	1,670	286	– 208
TOTAL	**1,725**	**3,349**	**578**	**1,910**	**5,837**	**36**	**979**	**3,286**	**1,184**	**5,485**	**2,077**	**+ 352**
12TH DISTRICT												
Cumberland	1,335	3,768	1,772	818	6,358	15	1,543	3,478	1,032	6,068	1,625	+ 290
Hoke	205	315	0	167	482	1	55	323	70	449	238	+ 33
TOTAL	**1,540**	**4,083**	**1,772**	**985**	**6,840**	**16**	**1,598**	**3,801**	**1,102**	**6,517**	**1,863**	**+ 323**
13TH DISTRICT												
Bladen	220	595	70	86	751	1	36	667	74	778	193	– 27
Brunswick	284	614	107	138	859	1	127	608	70	806	337	+ 53
Columbus	665	1,292	126	422	1,840	12	359	1,182	195	1,748	757	+ 92
TOTAL	**1,169**	**2,501**	**303**	**646**	**3,450**	**14**	**522**	**2,457**	**339**	**3,332**	**1,287**	**+ 118**
14TH DISTRICT												
Durham	2,174	6,083	986	1,266	8,335	9	1,267	5,599	1,390	8,265	2,244	+ 70

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15TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed: Small Claims[1]	Domestic[2]	Other	Total	Cases Disposed of: By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Alamance	549	2,238	707	481	3,426	3	654	2,239	359	3,255	720	+ 171
Chatham	73	1,146	127	65	1,338	4	140	1,128	52	1,324	87	+ 14
Orange	555	872	236	361	1,469	6	263	683	200	1,152	872	+ 317
TOTAL	**1,177**	**4,256**	**1,070**	**907**	**6,233**	**13**	**1,057**	**4,050**	**611**	**5,731**	**1,679**	**+ 502**
16TH DISTRICT												
Robeson	1,176	3,105	70	1,104	4,279	20	702	2,673	364	3,759	1,696	+ 520
Scotland	221	991	29	276	1,296	1	206	963	124	1,294	223	+ 2
TOTAL	**1,397**	**4,096**	**99**	**1,380**	**5,575**	**21**	**908**	**3,636**	**488**	**5,053**	**1,919**	**+ 522**
17TH DISTRICT												
Caswell	50	454	52	47	553	1	49	419	69	538	65	+ 15
Rockingham	725	1,537	518	352	2,407	8	544	1,574	383	2,509	623	− 102
Stokes	155	634	95	73	802	1	97	630	80	808	149	− 6
Surry	2,297	3,009	260	288	3,557	10	203	4,815	283	5,311	543	−1,754
TOTAL	**3,227**	**5,634**	**925**	**760**	**7,319**	**20**	**893**	**7,438**	**815**	**9,166**	**1,380**	**−1,847**
18TH DISTRICT												
Guilford-												
Greensboro	2,757	9,344	1,490	3,983	14,817	35	1,959	8,946	2,493	13,433	4,141	+1,384
High Point	731	4,252	706	511	5,469	14	817	4,220	299	5,350	850	+ 119
TOTAL	**3,488**	**13,596**	**2,196**	**4,494**	**20,286**	**49**	**2,776**	**13,166**	**2,792**	**18,783**	**4,991**	**+1,503**
19TH DISTRICT												
Cabarrus	559	1,641	483	622	2,746	5	494	1,371	695	2,565	740	+ 181
Montgomery	106	545	0	141	686	0	72	526	43	641	151	+ 45
Randolph	530	1,085	353	270	1,708	6	364	970	197	1,537	701	+ 171
Rowan	911	1,768	449	478	2,695	12	352	1,290	323	1,977	1,629	+ 718
TOTAL	**2,106**	**5,039**	**1,285**	**1,511**	**7,835**	**23**	**1,282**	**4,157**	**1,258**	**6,720**	**3,221**	**+1,115**

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20TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed: Small Claims[1]	Domestic[2]	Other	Total	Cases Disposed of: By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Anson	231	468	110	41	619	3	139	401	33	576	274	– 43
Moore	311	752	35	307	1,094	6	213	716	130	1,065	340	+ 29
Richmond	466	1,059	222	169	1,450	9	216	1,091	61	1,377	539	+ 73
Stanly	416	1,058	181	237	1,476	0	158	1,040	203	1,401	491	+ 75
Union	578	1,499	328	322	2,149	2	251	1,269	309	1,831	896	+ 318
TOTAL	**2,002**	**4,836**	**876**	**1,076**	**6,788**	**20**	**977**	**4,517**	**736**	**6,250**	**2,540**	**+ 538**
21ST DISTRICT												
Forsyth	1,123	5,357	1,716	1,722	8,795	54	1,749	5,221	1,652	8,676	1,242	+ 119
22ND DISTRICT												
Alexander	75	323	83	53	459	2	105	313	20	440	94	+ 19
Davidson	336	979	82	975	2,036	15	590	953	416	1,974	398	+ 62
Davie	126	169	0	161	330	2	100	173	79	354	102	– 24
Iredell	456	2,319	275	508	3,102	5	424	2,121	386	2,936	622	+ 166
TOTAL	**993**	**3,790**	**440**	**1,697**	**5,927**	**24**	**1,219**	**3,560**	**901**	**5,704**	**1,216**	**+ 223**
23RD DISTRICT												
Alleghany	69	145	43	87	275	4	68	189	18	279	65	– 4
Ashe	72	303	68	52	423	2	107	205	96	410	85	+ 13
Wilkes	348	936	234	636	1,806	8	348	619	693	1,668	486	+ 138
Yadkin	123	232	107	79	418	1	126	228	88	443	98	– 25
TOTAL	**612**	**1,616**	**452**	**854**	**2,922**	**15**	**649**	**1,241**	**895**	**2,800**	**734**	**+ 122**
24TH DISTRICT												
Avery	72	156	43	147	346	5	49	191	103	348	70	+ 2
Madison	16	74	32	20	126	2	36	54	13	105	37	+ 21
Mitchell	77	153	50	77	280	1	52	115	100	268	89	+ 12
Watauga	65	276	68	185	529	0	94	262	122	478	116	+ 51
Yancey	34	207	40	49	296	1	58	147	85	291	39	+ 5
TOTAL	**264**	**866**	**233**	**478**	**1,577**	**9**	**289**	**769**	**423**	**1,490**	**351**	**+ 87**

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25TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed: Small Claims[1]	Domestic[2]	Other	Total	Cases Disposed of: By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Burke	445	771	412	171	1,354	16	383	723	101	1,223	576	+ 131
Caldwell	349	1,116	23	472	1,611	7	342	822	140	1,311	649	+ 300
Catawba	611	1,474	622	722	2,818	3	564	1,368	587	2,522	907	+ 296
TOTAL	**1,405**	**33,61**	**1,057**	**1,365**	**5,783**	**26**	**1,289**	**2,913**	**828**	**5,056**	**2,132**	**+ 727**
26TH DISTRICT												
Mecklenburg	8,114	14,958	585	6,927	22,470	29	3,465	12,124	2,463	18,081	12,503	+4,389
27TH DISTRICT												
Cleveland	338	1,767	425	250	2,442	3	430	1,674	256	2,363	417	+ 79
Gaston	1,517	3,490	72	1,583	5,145	12	1,307	3,480	343	5,142	1,520	+ 3
Lincoln	115	670	157	158	985	4	188	593	105	890	210	+ 95
TOTAL	**1,970**	**5,927**	**654**	**1,991**	**8,572**	**19**	**1,925**	**5,747**	**704**	**8,395**	**2,147**	**+ 177**
28TH DISTRICT												
Buncombe	1,066	2,369	1,098	784	4,251	18	1,184	2,258	399	3,859	1,458	+ 392
29TH DISTRICT												
Henderson	383	343	250	197	790	9	334	282	87	712	461	+ 78
McDowell	156	459	188	259	906	9	142	424	61	636	426	+ 270
Polk	24	147	50	14	211	0	24	130	20	174	61	+ 37
Rutherford	391	916	287	248	1,451	5	270	798	352	1,425	417	+ 26
Transylvania	196	266	149	104	519	5	140	244	47	436	279	+ 83
TOTAL	**1,150**	**2,131**	**924**	**822**	**3,877**	**28**	**910**	**1,878**	**567**	**3,383**	**1,644**	**+ 494**

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2. **Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244.**

30TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed: Small Claims[1]	Domestic[2]	Other	Total	Cases Disposed of: By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Cherokee	69	157	60	65	282	5	34	66	66	171	180	+ 111
Clay	4	38	15	8	61	0	7	47	1	55	10	+ 6
Graham	8	34	26	14	74	0	17	28	0	45	37	+ 29
Haywood	155	344	207	132	683	5	244	331	94	674	164	+ 9
Jackson	73	243	65	87	395	0	90	188	65	343	125	+ 52
Macon	119	130	48	59	237	2	59	123	51	235	121	+ 2
Swain	88	101	46	31	178	2	37	65	18	122	144	+ 56
TOTAL	**516**	**1,047**	**467**	**396**	**1,910**	**14**	**488**	**848**	**295**	**1,645**	**781**	**+ 265**
GRAND TOTAL	**54,015**	**135,782**	**25,852**	**42,190**	**203,824**	**962**	**33,834**	**127,087**	**27,915**	**189,798**	**68,041**	**+14,026**
Percent		64.6	12.7	20.7	100.0	.5	17.8	67.0	14.7	100.0		

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2. **Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244.**

DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

Criminal filings were up from 1,028,532 in 1973 to 1,089,512 in 1974, an increase of 5.9%. Dispositions increased from 1,023,310 to 1,066,712 up 4.2%. The number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 22,800 to 111,432, up 25.7%.

For the second time, both filings and dispositions in the criminal division have exceeded one million cases. Thirty-four of the 100 counties had more than 1,000 cases pending at the end of the year and 32 counties had 300 or fewer pending. The 10 counties with the largest criminal dockets accounted for 46.8% of the total number of criminal cases pending. The rate of disposition was 97.9%.

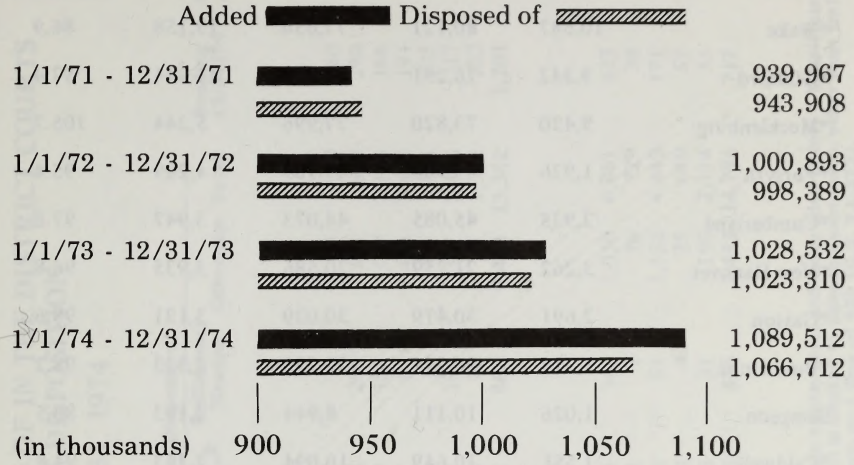
From year to year, the percentage breakdown for the types of cases handled and the manner of dispositions remains fairly constant. In 1974, 63.0% (685,906) of all criminal cases filed were for violations of the traffic laws. Other criminal offenses made up the remaining 37.0% (403,606). Only 9.0% of the cases disposed of were contested, requiring a full-fledged trial before a district court judge. A judge or magistrate disposed of 36.3% upon a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, and 43.6% were disposed of by a written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty before a magistrate or clerk. Preliminary hearings constituted 2.0% of the criminal docket and the remaining 18.1% of total dispositions were terminated by other means.

Since mid-1971 the uniform traffic ticket and complaint has been in use by all law enforcement officials; the ticket contains detailed instructions on the use of the waiver procedure. In 1970, 63.0% of motor vehicle cases were disposed of by waiver; in 1971, 65.7%; in 1972, 69.4%; in 1973, 69.6%; and in 1974, 67.7%. There are still a few counties where this procedure is still not fully utilized; greater use of the waiver in those counties would tend to alleviate some courtroom congestion and delay.

All statistical measures continue to indicate more than satisfactory performance by the criminal district court. As already indicated, the ratio of criminal cases pending at the end of the year to dispositions for the year is 10.5. This ratio indicates that it would require about 5 weeks for the court to dispose of its criminal docket.

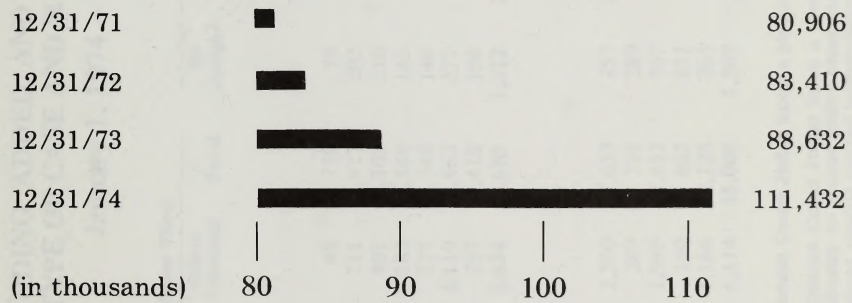
CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

January 1, 1971 - December 31, 1974



CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT

December 31, 1971 - December 31, 1974



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 100	101-300	301-500	501-1000	Over 1000
Number of Counties 1973	11	30	14	24	21
1974	9	23	11	23	34

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-74	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-74	Percent of Filings Disposed of
*Wake	10,687	80,121	77,650	13,158	96.9
*Guilford	9,342	76,291	74,289	11,344	97.4
*Mecklenburg	9,420	73,820	77,996	5,244	105.7
*Forsyth	1,926	49,386	47,103	4,209	95.4
*Cumberland	2,935	45,085	44,073	3,947	97.8
*New Hanover	3,262	21,259	20,586	3,935	96.8
*Gaston	2,691	30,479	30,039	3,131	98.6
*Buncombe	2,319	28,274	27,770	2,823	98.2
Sampson	1,026	10,111	8,944	2,193	88.5
*Caldwell	1,558	10,649	10,094	2,113	94.8
STATE MEAN	**886**	**10,895**	**10,667**	**1,114**	**97.9**

*Counties that were listed in this table in the *1973 Annual Report.*

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

January 1, 1974 – December 31, 1974

	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of						Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge[1]	By Plea[2]	By Waiver[3]	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total		
1ST DISTRICT												
Camden	40	710	49	759	78	122	453	3	83	739	60	+ 20
Chowan	231	1,216	711	1,927	202	573	696	206	191	1,868	290	+ 59
Currituck	121	1,796	407	2,203	210	487	1,109	153	199	2,158	166	+ 45
Dare	118	1,785	783	2,568	143	518	1,327	81	426	2,495	191	+ 73
Gates	101	1,071	277	1,348	146	173	799	19	187	1,324	125	+ 24
Pasquotank	161	2,352	1,110	3,462	277	823	1,611	388	307	3,406	217	+ 56
Perquimans	86	1,121	297	1,418	156	237	846	18	95	1,352	152	+ 66
TOTAL	**858**	**10,051**	**3,634**	**13,685**	**1,212**	**2,933**	**6,841**	**868**	**1,488**	**13,342**	**1,201**	**+ 343**
2ND DISTRICT												
Beaufort	251	4,533	2,500	7,033	357	2,021	3,105	348	1,030	6,861	423	+ 172
Hyde	36	442	289	731	289	112	291	1	36	729	38	+ 2
Martin	169	2,452	1,999	4,451	467	991	1,788	51	1,152	4,449	171	+ 2
Tyrrell	27	505	160	665	211	102	298	4	25	640	52	+ 25
Washington	19	962	1,166	2,128	265	335	1,293	31	190	2,114	33	+ 14
TOTAL	**502**	**8,894**	**6,114**	**15,008**	**1,589**	**3,561**	**6,775**	**435**	**2,433**	**14,793**	**717**	**+ 215**

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3RD DISTRICT												
Carteret	504	4,703	2,676	7,379	261	2,750	2,461	330	1,322	7,124	759	+ 255
Craven	986	9,390	4,749	14,139	1,654	4,000	5,862	560	2,004	14,080	1,045	+ 59
Pamlico	88	971	476	1,447	270	478	625	69	9	1,451	84	– 4
Pitt	1,246	11,230	8,117	19,347	1,510	6,720	7,579	363	3,021	19,193	1,400	+ 154
TOTAL	**2,824**	**26,294**	**16,018**	**42,312**	**3,695**	**13,948**	**16,527**	**1,322**	**6,356**	**41,848**	**3,288**	**+ 464**
4TH DISTRICT												
Duplin	401	6,196	2,714	8,910	1,143	1,791	4,384	120	271	7,709	1,602	+ 1,201
Jones	85	1,069	590	1,659	483	199	558	16	358	1,614	130	+ 45
Onslow	1,469	13,004	10,410	23,414	1,342	10,527	5,134	406	6,053	23,462	1,421	– 48
Sampson	1,026	6,937	3,174	10,111	628	2,059	5,027	194	1,036	8,944	2,193	+ 1,167
TOTAL	**2,981**	**27,206**	**16,888**	**44,094**	**3,596**	**14,576**	**15,103**	**736**	**7,718**	**41,729**	**5,346**	**+ 2,365**
5TH DISTRICT												
New Hanover	3,262	10,533	10,726	21,259	6,146	574	9,065	857	3,944	20,586	3,935	+ 673
Pender	119	3,310	1,242	4,552	367	1,325	1,961	112	478	4,243	428	+ 309
TOTAL	**3,381**	**13,843**	**11,968**	**25,811**	**6,513**	**1,899**	**11,026**	**969**	**4,422**	**24,829**	**4,363**	**+ 982**
6TH DISTRICT												
Bertie	189	2,201	1,101	3,302	136	736	1,943	58	395	3,268	223	+ 34
Halifax	593	6,645	3,875	10,520	514	3,223	3,966	217	2,122	10,042	1,071	+ 478
Hertford	214	2,524	1,312	3,836	207	910	1,662	74	817	3,670	380	+ 166
Northampton	114	3,242	782	4,024	153	1,099	2,021	42	700	4,015	123	+ 9
TOTAL	**1,110**	**14,612**	**7,070**	**21,682**	**1,010**	**5,968**	**9,592**	**391**	**4,034**	**20,995**	**1,797**	**+ 687**
7TH DISTRICT												
Edgecombe	648	6,866	4,304	11,170	869	3,413	4,981	202	1,601	11,066	752	+ 104
Nash	507	13,308	4,561	17,869	876	4,332	9,479	260	2,475	17,422	954	+ 447
Wilson	667	6,512	3,819	10,331	607	1,956	5,550	341	1,615	10,069	929	+ 262
TOTAL	**1,822**	**26,686**	**12,684**	**39,370**	**2,352**	**9,701**	**20,010**	**803**	**5,691**	**38,557**	**2,635**	**+ 813**

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8TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed: Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	Cases Disposed of: By Judge[1]	By Plea[2]	By Waiver[3]	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Greene	137	1,430	949	2,379	153	733	957	51	417	2,311	205	+ 68
Lenoir	757	6,931	5,348	12,279	860	4,227	4,578	196	1,978	11,839	1,197	+ 440
Wayne	866	11,728	4,241	15,969	793	5,011	7,529	142	2,206	15,681	1,154	+ 288
TOTAL	**1,760**	**20,089**	**10,538**	**30,627**	**1,806**	**9,971**	**13,064**	**389**	**4,601**	**29,831**	**2,556**	**+ 796**
9TH DISTRICT												
Franklin	495	3,100	1,725	4,825	325	1,195	2,239	6	409	4,174	1,146	+ 651
Granville	494	4,840	1,782	6,622	414	1,868	3,283	67	803	6,435	681	+ 187
Person	385	2,939	1,063	4,002	388	1,024	1,953	55	452	3,872	515	+ 130
Vance	551	4,792	2,584	7,376	1,777	951	3,323	275	1,021	7,347	580	+ 29
Warren	167	2,413	874	3,287	354	498	1,790	136	349	3,127	327	+ 160
TOTAL	**2,092**	**18,084**	**8,028**	**26,112**	**3,258**	**5,536**	**12,588**	**539**	**3,034**	**24,955**	**3,249**	**+ 1,157**
10TH DISTRICT												
Wake	10,687	50,718	29,403	80,121	5,240	17,163	35,794	611	18,842	77,650	13,158	+ 2,471
11TH DISTRICT												
Harnett	1,100	6,751	4,697	11,448	235	4,470	4,011	84	2,746	11,546	1,002	– 98
Johnston	864	7,175	5,276	12,451	1,716	3,140	5,481	75	1,912	12,324	991	+ 127
Lee	664	3,851	3,906	7,757	440	1,877	4,130	157	1,308	7,912	509	– 155
TOTAL	**2,628**	**17,777**	**13,879**	**31,656**	**2,391**	**9,487**	**13,622**	**316**	**5,966**	**31,782**	**2,502**	**– 126**
12TH DISTRICT												
Cumberland	2,935	26,731	18,354	45,085	2,952	13,840	16,320	509	10,452	44,073	3,947	+ 1,012
Hoke	115	2,838	1,265	4,103	144	1,364	1,868	120	402	3,898	320	+ 205
TOTAL	**3,050**	**29,569**	**19,619**	**49,188**	**3,096**	**15,204**	**18,188**	**629**	**10,854**	**47,971**	**4,267**	**+ 1,217**

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13TH DISTRICT												
Bladen	300	5,314	2,343	7,657	1,063	2,562	3,237	120	183	7,165	792	+ 492
Brunswick	503	4,136	2,661	6,797	944	1,578	2,737	98	1,174	6,531	769	+ 266
Columbus	986	6,775	4,085	10,860	1,331	4,500	3,235	183	1,385	10,634	1,212	+ 226
TOTAL	**1,789**	**16,225**	**9,089**	**25,314**	**3,338**	**8,640**	**9,209**	**401**	**2,742**	**24,330**	**2,773**	**+ 984**
14TH DISTRICT												
Durham	365	19,504	10,340	29,844	2,263	10,598	11,302	377	4,962	29,502	707	+ 342
15TH DISTRICT												
Alamance	788	11,729	5,709	17,438	1,144	3,973	8,201	77	3,398	16,793	1,433	+ 645
Chatham	300	4,908	1,154	6,062	274	2,116	2,717	33	749	5,889	473	+ 173
Orange	553	9,848	4,719	14,567	1,646	2,532	7,235	20	2,730	14,163	957	404
TOTAL	**1,641**	**26,485**	**11,582**	**38,067**	**3,064**	**8,621**	**18,153**	**130**	**6,877**	**36,845**	**2,863**	**+ 1,222**
16TH DISTRICT												
Robeson	1,213	11,249	7,759	19,008	1,116	7,008	6,348	325	3,660	18,457	1,764	+ 551
Scotland	519	4,008	2,873	6,881	444	2,631	2,698	195	669	6,637	763	+ 244
TOTAL	**1,732**	**15,257**	**10,632**	**25,889**	**1,560**	**9,639**	**9,046**	**520**	**4,329**	**25,094**	**2,527**	**+ 795**
17TH DISTRICT												
Caswell	212	1,541	762	2,303	293	414	1,246	46	326	2,325	190	– 22
Rockingham	1,277	6,979	5,596	12,575	1,416	3,599	4,352	971	2,415	12,753	1,099	– 178
Stokes	200	2,931	1,905	4,836	667	1,348	1,944	133	595	4,687	349	+ 149
Surry	354	5,723	3,450	9,173	1,950	2,152	4,085	184	428	8,799	728	+ 374
TOTAL	**2,043**	**17,174**	**11,713**	**28,887**	**4,326**	**7,513**	**11,627**	**1,334**	**3,764**	**28,564**	**2,366**	**+ 323**

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Guilford –												
Greensboro	5,117	37,403	20,234	57,637	2,714	24,037	24,538	686	4,982	56,957	5,797	+ 680
High Point	4,225	10,989	7,665	18,654	860	5,795	8,346	501	1,830	17,332	5,547	+ 1,322
TOTAL	**9,342**	**48,392**	**27,899**	**76,291**	**3,574**	**29,832**	**32,884**	**1,187**	**6,812**	**74,289**	**11,344**	**+ 2,002**
19TH DISTRICT												
Cabarrus	743	9,377	5,348	14,725	1,358	3,595	7,044	449	2,055	14,501	967	+ 224
Montgomery	806	3,923	2,769	6,692	633	640	3,559	205	1,265	6,302	1,196	+ 390
Randolph	859	9,034	3,976	13,010	883	2,829	6,795	194	2,073	12,774	1,095	+ 236
Rowan	1,523	11,643	3,461	15,104	1,394	2,483	8,395	383	1,987	14,642	1,985	+ 462
TOTAL	**3,931**	**33,977**	**15,554**	**49,531**	**4,268**	**9,547**	**25,793**	**1,231**	**7,380**	**48,219**	**5,243**	**+ 1,312**
20TH DISTRICT												
Anson	408	3,375	2,163	5,538	377	1,496	2,620	128	680	5,301	645	+ 237
Moore	415	4,426	3,050	7,476	430	1,515	3,620	114	1,453	7,132	759	+ 344
Richmond	976	5,307	2,689	7,996	514	1,977	3,162	368	1,173	7,194	1,778	+ 802
Stanly	1,062	5,006	2,465	7,471	168	1,959	3,620	201	938	6,886	1,647	+ 585
Union	899	5,754	3,106	8,860	785	2,240	5,016	315	1,247	9,603	156	– 743
TOTAL	**3,760**	**23,868**	**13,473**	**37,341**	**2,274**	**9,187**	**18,038**	**1,126**	**5,491**	**36,116**	**4,985**	**+ 1,225**
21ST DISTRICT												
Forsyth	1,926	33,077	16,309	49,386	5,330	9,885	23,131	879	7,878	47,103	4,209	+ 2,283
22ND DISTRICT												
Alexander	323	2,267	1,228	3,495	813	406	2,131	100	161	3,611	207	– 116
Davidson	1,613	11,778	4,516	16,294	1,904	2,582	8,494	275	3,263	16,518	1,389	– 224
Davie	226	3,066	652	3,718	291	493	2,314	56	525	3,679	265	+ 39
Iredell	783	9,095	4,748	13,843	903	3,123	5,786	321	3,639	13,772	854	+ 71
TOTAL	**2,945**	**26,206**	**11,144**	**37,350**	**3,911**	**6,604**	**18,725**	**752**	**7,588**	**37,580**	**2,715**	**– 230**

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23RD DISTRICT												
Alleghany	32	527	402	929	207	262	417	38	7	931	30	– 2
Ashe	189	1,952	702	2,654	356	753	1,242	51	272	2,674	169	– 20
Wilkes	509	5,229	2,837	8,066	934	1,434	3,245	184	2,085	7,882	693	+ 184
Yadkin	362	2,683	1,060	3,743	483	631	2,113	74	575	3,876	229	– 133
TOTAL	**1,092**	**10,391**	**5,001**	**15,392**	**1,980**	**3,080**	**7,017**	**347**	**2,939**	**15,363**	**1,121**	**+ 29**
24TH DISTRICT												
Avery	285	2,027	743	2,770	462	231	1,502	46	69	2,310	745	+ 460
Madison	296	1,115	369	1,484	266	59	754	20	362	1,461	319	+ 23
Mitchell	62	1,045	340	1,385	103	130	877	23	198	1,331	116	+ 54
Watauga	126	2,485	1,167	3,652	199	846	1,865	110	701	3,721	57	– 69
Yancey	80	1,071	553	1,624	116	141	1,150	32	223	1,662	42	– 38
TOTAL	**849**	**7,743**	**3,172**	**10,915**	**1,146**	**1,407**	**6,148**	**231**	**1,553**	**10,485**	**1,279**	**+ 430**
25TH DISTRICT												
Burke	1,108	6,501	4,053	10,554	1,671	1,227	3,827	204	3,129	10,058	1,604	+ 496
Caldwell	1,558	6,882	3,767	10,649	1,072	3,406	4,176	352	1,088	10,094	2,113	+ 555
Catawba	1,124	12,528	8,010	20,538	1,177	7,017	7,784	338	4,063	20,379	1,283	+ 159
TOTAL	**3,790**	**25,911**	**15,830**	**41,741**	**3,920**	**11,650**	**15,787**	**894**	**8,280**	**40,531**	**5,000**	**+ 1,210**
26TH DISTRICT												
Mecklenburg	9,420	36,938	36,882	73,820	2,783	19,690	26,593	1,092	27,838	77,996	5,244	– 4,176
27TH DISTRICT												
Cleveland	1,360	8,443	5,618	14,061	3,610	4,142	5,668	172	130	13,722	1,699	+ 339
Gaston	2,691	16,627	13,852	30,479	1,615	10,552	9,536	689	7,647	30,039	3,131	+ 440
Lincoln	165	5,535	1,924	7,459	909	1,406	2,777	160	1,959	7,211	413	+ 248
TOTAL	**4,216**	**30,605**	**21,394**	**51,999**	**6,134**	**16,100**	**17,981**	**1,021**	**9,736**	**50,972**	**5,243**	**+ 1,027**

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3. Includes traffic cases in which a written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty is submitted to a Clerk of Superior Court or Magistrate.

28TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/74	Cases Filed: Motor Vehicle	Cases Filed: Other Criminal	Cases Filed: Total	Cases Disposed of: By Judge[1]	By Plea[2]	By Waiver[3]	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total	Pending 12/31/74	Gain or Loss
Buncombe	2,319	16,893	11,381	28,274	1,582	9,906	11,682	894	3,706	27,770	2,823	+ 504
29TH DISTRICT												
Henderson	465	7,071	2,575	9,646	1,103	2,166	4,766	249	1,280	9,564	547	+ 82
McDowell	586	4,435	2,038	6,473	521	1,088	2,953	189	919	5,670	1,389	+ 803
Polk	133	1,329	480	1,809	217	321	1,118	22	91	1,769	173	+ 40
Rutherford	859	4,057	4,177	8,234	2,644	1,283	2,485	173	940	7,525	1,568	+ 709
Transylvania	151	2,095	1,223	3,318	526	990	1,552	49	206	3,323	146	– 5
TOTAL	**2,194**	**18,987**	**10,493**	**29,480**	**5,011**	**5,848**	**12,874**	**682**	**3,436**	**27,851**	**3,823**	**+ 1,629**
30TH DISTRICT												
Cherokee	382	2,139	608	2,747	404	378	1,509	22	305	2,618	511	+ 129
Clay	67	832	98	930	196	64	661	0	1	922	75	+ 8
Graham	166	953	166	1,119	394	80	611	0	0	1,085	200	+ 34
Haywood	260	5,149	2,309	7,458	1,006	1,759	3,085	244	1,178	7,272	446	+ 186
Jackson	304	2,325	1,435	3,760	790	989	1,581	40	420	3,820	244	– 60
Macon	288	1,940	713	2,653	521	240	1,298	149	309	2,517	424	+ 136
Swain	116	1,112	546	1,658	90	326	986	11	173	1,586	188	+ 72
TOTAL	**1,583**	**14,450**	**5,875**	**20,325**	**3,401**	**3,836**	**9,731**	**466**	**2,386**	**19,820**	**2,088**	**+ 505**
GRAND TOTAL	**88,632**	**685,906**	**403,606**	**1,089,512**	**95,623**	**291,530**	**464,851**	**21,572**	**193,136**	**1,066,712**	**111,432**	**+22,800**
Percent		63.0	37.0	100.0	9.0	27.3	43.6	2.0	18.1	100.0		

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2. Includes cases tried before a District Court Judge upon a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, and cases tried before a Magistrate upon a plea of guilty. The Magistrates' authority to accept guilty pleas and enter judgment is limited to misdemeanor cases, other than traffic offenses, in which the maximum punishment cannot exceed imprisonment for thirty days, or a fine of $50 (G.S. 7A-273).
3. Includes traffic cases in which a written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty is submitted to a Clerk of Superior Court or Magistrate.

OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN BEFORE COURT FOR FIRST TIME*

January 1, 1974 – December 31, 1974

	Offenses								Conditions			
	Delinquent					Undisciplined						
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
1ST DISTRICT												
Camden	0	2	8	0	10	0	1	1	0	2	13	13
Chowan	0	6	36	1	43	0	2	2	4	2	51	37
Currituck	0	7	33	2	42	5	5	10	0	4	56	44
Dare	0	0	33	0	33	0	0	0	1	0	34	32
Gates	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	4	0	6	12	11
Pasquotank	0	35	99	12	146	18	2	20	14	6	186	94
Perquimans	0	0	22	0	22	0	0	0	0	2	24	19
TOTAL	**0**	**50**	**233**	**15**	**298**	**27**	**10**	**37**	**19**	**22**	**376**	**250**
2ND DISTRICT												
Beaufort	0	26	57	40	123	13	32	45	20	17	205	95
Hyde	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	3	5	1	11	11
Martin	0	11	32	0	43	7	6	13	0	17	73	49
Tyrrell	0	0	5	0	5	1	1	2	0	0	7	7
Washington	0	1	44	3	48	1	4	5	0	6	59	39
TOTAL	**0**	**38**	**139**	**44**	**221**	**22**	**46**	**68**	**25**	**41**	**355**	**201**

* The data in all columns but the last indicates the total number of offenses alleged to have been committed and conditions alleged to have existed during the year. This data does not indicate the actual number of children before the court, since one petition may include several offenses or conditions and more than one petition may have been filed against a child during the year.

The last column, entitled "Children Before Court for First Time," is included here for convenience of format, but it is not otherwise related to the data in the other columns. This column does indicate the actual number of children in all categories or jurisdiction who were before the court for the first time during 1974.

	Offenses								Conditions			Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent					Undisciplined						
3RD DISTRICT	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	
Carteret	0	1	76	12	89	12	20	32	14	28	163	131
Craven	0	12	117	52	181	13	21	34	18	27	260	165
Pamlico	0	2	16	0	18	3	3	6	1	0	25	22
Pitt	0	110	289	29	428	16	39	55	26	28	537	242
TOTAL	**0**	**125**	**498**	**93**	**716**	**44**	**83**	**127**	**59**	**83**	**985**	**560**
4TH DISTRICT												
Duplin	0	1	64	1	66	6	11	17	6	13	102	101
Jones	0	0	19	0	19	0	6	6	4	2	31	31
Onslow	4	128	144	26	302	14	64	78	22	30	432	237
Sampson	0	0	70	33	103	25	20	45	6	10	164	104
TOTAL	**4**	**129**	**297**	**60**	**490**	**45**	**101**	**146**	**38**	**55**	**729**	**473**
5TH DISTRICT												
New Hanover	0	150	558	94	802	28	80	108	25	43	978	491
Pender	0	8	34	4	46	5	22	27	1	21	95	55
TOTAL	**0**	**158**	**592**	**98**	**848**	**33**	**102**	**135**	**26**	**12**	**1,073**	**546**
6TH DISTRICT												
Bertie	0	12	15	2	29	1	2	3	4	8	44	37
Halifax	1	34	75	22	132	14	28	42	15	29	218	152
Hertford	0	6	14	1	21	0	3	3	0	0	24	18
Northampton	1	1	34	0	36	17	9	26	0	7	69	54
TOTAL	**2**	**53**	**138**	**25**	**218**	**32**	**42**	**74**	**19**	**44**	**355**	**261**
7TH DISTRICT												
Edgecombe	0	45	179	23	247	18	31	49	11	28	335	217
Nash	0	64	82	13	159	15	35	50	56	19	284	159
Wilson	0	119	141	13	273	37	18	55	17	22	367	151
TOTAL	**0**	**228**	**402**	**49**	**679**	**70**	**84**	**154**	**84**	**69**	**986**	**527**

	Offenses								Conditions			Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent					Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				
8TH DISTRICT												
Greene	0	13	24	4	41	14	3	17	0	4	62	50
Lenoir	0	48	234	48	330	51	37	88	2	30	450	184
Wayne	0	1	181	51	233	41	45	86	9	27	355	303
TOTAL	**0**	**62**	**439**	**103**	**604**	**106**	**85**	**191**	**11**	**61**	**867**	**537**
9TH DISTRICT												
Franklin	0	7	31	11	49	11	21	32	11	47	139	103
Granville	1	69	62	3	135	17	7	24	6	18	183	98
Person	0	14	21	2	37	15	4	19	6	3	65	64
Vance	0	1	103	16	120	8	8	16	9	2	147	118
Warren	0	7	4	0	11	0	2	2	0	1	14	14
TOTAL	**1**	**98**	**221**	**32**	**352**	**51**	**42**	**93**	**32**	**71**	**548**	**397**
10TH DISTRICT												
Wake	1	98	531	86	716	34	312	346	24	34	1,120	689
11TH DISTRICT												
Harnett	0	0	126	31	157	58	30	88	22	48	315	186
Johnston	1	6	164	53	224	50	32	82	90	53	449	184
Lee	0	20	131	38	189	49	50	99	62	14	364	194
TOTAL	**1**	**26**	**421**	**122**	**570**	**157**	**112**	**269**	**174**	**115**	**1,128**	**564**
12TH DISTRICT												
Cumberland	0	59	404	66	529	35	295	330	300	213	1,372	1,198
Hoke	0	5	29	8	42	13	7	20	4	5	71	70
TOTAL	**0**	**64**	**433**	**74**	**571**	**48**	**302**	**350**	**304**	**218**	**1,443**	**1,268**

	Offenses								Conditions			
	Delinquent					Undisciplined						
13TH DISTRICT	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
Bladen	1	3	51	0	55	6	5	11	0	3	69	69
Brunswick	1	10	77	0	88	2	24	26	0	9	123	106
Columbus	0	19	103	30	152	29	30	59	4	31	246	135
TOTAL	**2**	**32**	**231**	**30**	**295**	**37**	**59**	**96**	**4**	**43**	**438**	**310**
14TH DISTRICT												
Durham	0	69	178	63	310	33	70	103	97	51	561	195
15TH DISTRICT												
Alamance	1	14	125	66	206	51	36	87	11	51	355	189
Chatham	0	2	44	0	46	1	1	2	0	2	50	35
Orange	0	15	100	13	128	17	20	37	11	21	197	146
TOTAL	**1**	**31**	**269**	**79**	**380**	**69**	**57**	**126**	**22**	**74**	**602**	**370**
16TH DISTRICT												
Robeson	0	66	158	48	272	64	117	181	74	76	603	337
Scotland	0	30	52	13	95	12	33	45	7	6	153	103
TOTAL	**0**	**96**	**210**	**61**	**367**	**76**	**150**	**226**	**81**	**82**	**756**	**440**
17TH DISTRICT												
Caswell	0	3	10	1	14	5	5	10	1	14	39	36
Rockingham	1	82	113	33	229	43	42	85	15	58	387	182
Stokes	4	15	16	0	35	15	16	31	0	11	77	67
Surry	0	12	58	9	79	32	7	39	10	10	138	129
TOTAL	**5**	**112**	**197**	**43**	**357**	**95**	**70**	**165**	**26**	**93**	**641**	**414**

18TH DISTRICT	Offenses								Conditions			Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent					Undisciplined						
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	
Guilford-												
Greensboro	0	274	520	419	1,213	116	488	604	149	112	2,078	688
High Point	1	89	350	235	675	132	161	293	74	98	1,140	390
TOTAL	**1**	**363**	**870**	**654**	**1,888**	**248**	**649**	**897**	**223**	**210**	**3,218**	**1,078**
19TH DISTRICT												
Cabarrus	0	7	150	14	171	14	23	37	11	14	233	152
Montgomery	0	3	39	1	43	12	4	16	6	7	72	53
Randolph	0	3	152	28	183	51	49	100	10	10	303	212
Rowan	0	6	175	55	236	58	21	79	71	77	463	258
TOTAL	**0**	**19**	**516**	**98**	**633**	**135**	**97**	**232**	**98**	**108**	**1,071**	**675**
20TH DISTRICT												
Anson	0	0	55	65	120	9	42	51	10	4	185	55
Moore	1	9	61	39	110	27	19	46	21	28	205	73
Richmond	3	8	53	44	108	23	70	93	13	15	229	138
Stanly	0	4	166	24	194	25	22	47	16	29	286	123
Union	0	16	120	64	200	30	55	85	44	4	333	167
TOTAL	**4**	**37**	**455**	**236**	**732**	**114**	**208**	**322**	**104**	**80**	**1,238**	**556**
21ST DISTRICT												
Forsyth	0	55	471	87	613	85	176	261	49	59	982	477
22ND DISTRICT												
Alexander	0	4	19	0	23	18	5	23	2	4	52	45
Davidson	0	3	232	0	235	49	22	71	31	54	391	364
Davie	0	0	14	0	14	7	1	8	4	4	30	26
Iredell	1	40	109	16	166	96	97	193	12	68	439	299
TOTAL	**1**	**47**	**374**	**16**	**438**	**170**	**125**	**295**	**49**	**130**	**912**	**734**

	Offenses								Conditions			
	Delinquent					Undisciplined						
23RD DISTRICT	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
Alleghany	0	0	4	0	4	12	0	12	0	0	16	15
Ashe	0	0	30	6	36	11	7	18	1	12	67	56
Wilkes	0	28	62	21	111	48	26	74	25	88	298	222
Yadkin	0	2	30	9	41	22	5	27	1	9	78	60
TOTAL	**0**	**30**	**126**	**36**	**192**	**93**	**38**	**131**	**27**	**109**	**459**	**353**
24TH DISTRICT												
Avery	0	0	14	0	14	4	7	11	3	0	28	24
Madison	0	3	9	8	20	6	15	21	3	8	52	49
Mitchell	0	0	9	0	9	0	1	1	1	0	11	11
Watauga	0	5	19	0	24	6	4	10	5	0	39	31
Yancey	0	2	5	0	7	1	7	8	2	4	21	21
TOTAL	**0**	**10**	**56**	**8**	**74**	**17**	**34**	**51**	**14**	**12**	**151**	**136**
25TH DISTRICT												
Burke	1	45	47	34	127	29	36	65	25	36	253	136
Caldwell	0	20	112	11	143	47	42	89	23	20	275	168
Catawba	1	70	216	28	315	43	26	69	29	23	436	194
TOTAL	**2**	**135**	**375**	**73**	**585**	**119**	**104**	**223**	**77**	**79**	**964**	**498**
26TH DISTRICT												
Mecklenburg	0	**1,117**	**1,110**	414	**2,641**	40	367	407	211	41	**3,330**	984
27TH DISTRICT												
Cleveland	2	38	233	20	293	45	64	109	28	14	444	232
Gaston	2	234	464	12	712	46	175	221	134	32	1,099	415
Lincoln	0	14	69	6	89	3	10	13	1	3	106	51
TOTAL	**4**	**286**	**766**	**38**	**1,094**	**94**	**249**	**343**	**163**	**49**	**1,649**	**698**

	Offenses								Conditions			Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent					Undisciplined						
28TH DISTRICT	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	
Buncombe	0	63	240	104	407	52	169	221	35	70	733	540
29TH DISTRICT												
Henderson	0	98	124	33	255	23	49	72	11	29	367	152
McDowell	0	0	57	21	78	37	20	57	8	8	151	119
Polk	0	0	20	1	21	4	6	10	3	5	39	39
Rutherford	0	8	30	40	78	13	11	24	2	1	105	82
Transylvania	0	4	27	22	53	9	18	27	15	10	105	54
TOTAL	**0**	**110**	**258**	**117**	**485**	**86**	**104**	**190**	**39**	**53**	**767**	**446**
30TH DISTRICT												
Cherokee	0	1	40	0	41	0	15	15	0	6	62	44
Clay	0	2	12	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
Graham	0	6	67	1	74	13	23	36	0	0	110	74
Haywood	0	21	48	0	69	8	40	48	5	5	127	84
Jackson	0	28	11	0	39	7	7	14	0	2	55	55
Macon	0	2	23	1	26	9	6	15	0	1	42	42
Swain	0	2	4	0	6	1	4	5	1	2	14	14
TOTAL	**0**	**62**	**205**	**2**	**269**	**38**	**95**	**133**	**6**	**16**	**424**	**327**
GRAND TOTAL	**29**	**3,803**	**11,251**	**2,960**	**18,043**	**2,270**	**4,142**	**6,412**	**2,140**	**2,236**	**28,831**	**15,504**
Percent	.1	21.1	62.4	16.4	100.0	35.4	64.6	100.0				
Percent					62.6			22.2	7.4	7.8	100.0	

JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS – ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT*

JANUARY 1, 1974 – DECEMBER 31, 1974

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
1ST DISTRICT	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
Camden	7	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	13
Chowan	90	8	98	1	1	2	0	4	4	1	1	2	106
Currituck	22	10	32	6	4	10	0	0	0	1	3	4	46
Dare	22	32	54	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	55
Gates	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	5	6	8
Pasquotank	117	25	142	19	1	20	15	0	15	6	0	6	183
Perquimans	13	5	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	19
TOTAL	**271**	**84**	**355**	**28**	**6**	**34**	**16**	**4**	**20**	**10**	**11**	**21**	**430**
2ND DISTRICT													
Beaufort	95	60	155	29	24	53	18	2	20	16	1	17	245
Hyde	0	2	2	5	4	9	2	3	5	0	3	3	19
Martin	30	21	51	5	3	8	1	0	1	11	6	17	77
Tyrrell	4	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Washington	28	21	49	5	0	5	0	0	0	6	0	6	60
TOTAL	**157**	**104**	**261**	**46**	**31**	**77**	**21**	**5**	**26**	**33**	**10**	**43**	**407**
3RD DISTRICT													
Carteret	43	48	91	25	8	33	3	8	11	18	8	26	161
Craven	201	112	313	38	13	51	12	9	21	30	9	39	424
Pamlico	3	13	16	8	14	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Pitt	589	151	740	91	27	118	34	3	37	38	2	40	935
TOTAL	**836**	**324**	**1,160**	**162**	**62**	**224**	**49**	**20**	**69**	**86**	**19**	**105**	**1,558**

* This table indicates the total number of adjudicatory hearings held in each category of juvenile jurisdiction during the year. Juvenile petitions may be dismissed either for failure to prove that the child is delinquent, undisciplined, dependent or neglected or, if he is found to be so, because the child is not in need of the care, protection or discipline of the State. All cases dismissed for either of these reasons are counted in the "dismissed" column; all other cases are counted in the "retained" column.

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
4TH DISTRICT	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
Duplin	14	51	65	10	17	27	4	12	16	5	5	10	118
Jones	3	16	19	1	5	6	0	4	4	2	10	12	41
Onslow	196	61	257	40	29	69	17	1	18	26	4	30	374
Sampson	74	67	141	40	27	67	4	2	6	15	5	20	234
TOTAL	287	195	482	91	78	169	25	19	44	48	24	72	767
5TH DISTRICT													
New Hanover	699	103	802	101	7	108	26	0	26	43	0	43	979
Pender	32	15	47	12	6	18	1	0	1	8	5	13	79
TOTAL	731	118	849	113	13	126	27	0	27	51	5	56	1,058
6TH DISTRICT													
Bertie	21	4	25	6	2	8	4	0	4	8	0	8	45
Halifax	98	75	173	28	23	51	19	5	24	21	0	21	269
Hertford	17	22	39	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
Northampton	31	8	39	19	12	31	0	0	0	2	1	3	73
TOTAL	167	109	276	54	41	95	23	5	28	31	1	32	431
7TH DISTRICT													
Edgecombe	248	63	311	38	6	44	11	1	12	19	5	24	391
Nash	136	40	176	26	39	65	40	22	62	19	2	21	324
Wilson	175	25	200	53	2	55	13	0	13	16	1	17	285
TOTAL	559	128	687	117	47	164	64	23	87	54	8	62	1,000
8TH DISTRICT													
Greene	16	10	26	13	1	14	0	0	0	4	0	4	44
Lenoir	266	76	342	76	14	90	2	1	3	20	13	33	468
Wayne	256	64	320	67	7	74	9	2	11	44	5	49	454
TOTAL	538	150	688	156	22	178	11	3	14	68	18	86	966

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
9TH DISTRICT	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
Franklin	41	6	47	19	7	26	11	0	11	30	7	37	121
Granville	68	1	69	16	2	18	5	0	5	9	0	9	101
Person	26	10	36	11	9	20	5	2	7	1	2	3	66
Vance	95	25	120	13	3	16	9	0	9	1	1	2	147
Warren	0	4	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
TOTAL	**230**	**46**	**276**	**59**	**23**	**82**	**30**	**2**	**32**	**41**	**11**	**52**	**442**
10TH DISTRICT													
Wake	693	129	822	238	45	283	27	2	29	35	4	39	1,173
11TH DISTRICT													
Harnett	98	171	269	66	99	165	6	12	18	36	24	60	512
Johnston	131	41	172	62	21	83	55	27	82	35	10	45	382
Lee	99	71	170	55	36	91	59	47	106	6	0	6	373
TOTAL	**328**	**283**	**611**	**183**	**156**	**339**	**120**	**86**	**206**	**77**	**34**	**111**	**1,267**
12TH DISTRICT													
Cumberland	340	119	459	255	59	314	211	67	278	196	53	249	1,300
Hoke	39	16	55	12	5	17	4	0	4	5	0	5	81
TOTAL	**379**	**135**	**514**	**267**	**64**	**331**	**215**	**67**	**282**	**201**	**53**	**254**	**1,381**
13TH DISTRICT													
Bladen	67	9	76	12	7	19	1	0	1	8	13	21	117
Brunswick	56	28	84	21	4	25	0	0	0	6	0	6	115
Columbus	128	100	228	67	62	129	3	2	5	33	13	46	408
TOTAL	**251**	**137**	**388**	**100**	**73**	**173**	**4**	**2**	**6**	**47**	**26**	**73**	**640**
14TH DISTRICT													
Durham	138	142	280	55	47	102	78	12	90	20	14	34	506

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
15TH DISTRICT	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
Alamance	132	16	148	67	5	72	7	0	7	30	5	35	262
Chatham	32	28	60	1	5	6	0	0	0	2	1	3	69
Orange	113	28	141	48	6	54	12	3	15	17	6	23	233
TOTAL	**277**	**72**	**349**	**116**	**16**	**132**	**19**	**3**	**22**	**49**	**12**	**61**	**564**
16TH DISTRICT													
Robeson	156	42	198	82	5	87	73	4	77	40	8	48	410
Scotland	94	21	115	29	6	35	6	1	7	6	0	6	163
TOTAL	**250**	**63**	**313**	**111**	**11**	**122**	**79**	**5**	**84**	**46**	**8**	**54**	**573**
17TH DISTRICT													
Caswell	11	8	19	3	4	7	0	0	0	8	10	18	44
Rockingham	187	64	251	59	14	73	15	1	16	32	6	38	378
Stokes	30	7	37	20	3	23	0	0	0	7	0	7	67
Surry	24	40	64	21	13	34	6	2	8	5	1	6	112
TOTAL	**252**	**119**	**371**	**103**	**34**	**137**	**21**	**3**	**24**	**52**	**17**	**69**	**601**
18TH DISTRICT													
Guilford –													
Greensboro	421	421	842	211	232	443	116	21	137	58	37	95	1,517
High Point	420	111	531	185	70	255	50	15	65	70	17	87	938
TOTAL	**841**	**532**	**1,373**	**396**	**302**	**698**	**166**	**36**	**202**	**128**	**54**	**182**	**2,455**
19TH DISTRICT													
Cabarrus	125	32	157	36	3	39	4	2	6	10	1	11	213
Montgomery	52	12	64	33	8	41	4	7	11	5	1	6	122
Randolph	132	31	163	64	27	91	7	2	9	9	0	9	272
Rowan	135	75	210	110	55	165	93	36	129	178	33	211	715
TOTAL	**444**	**150**	**594**	**243**	**93**	**336**	**108**	**47**	**155**	**202**	**35**	**237**	**1,322**

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
20TH DISTRICT	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
Anson	13	107	120	3	48	51	1	9	10	0	4	4	185
Moore	105	37	142	47	25	72	25	6	31	26	5	31	276
Richmond	81	21	102	68	56	124	16	4	20	10	7	17	263
Stanly	172	27	199	28	11	39	37	1	38	11	0	11	287
Union	149	62	211	54	25	79	28	18	46	1	3	4	340
TOTAL	**520**	**254**	**774**	**200**	**165**	**365**	**107**	**38**	**145**	**48**	**19**	**67**	**1,351**
21ST DISTRICT													
Forsyth	450	166	616	154	24	178	66	11	77	80	10	90	961
22ND DISTRICT													
Alexander	3	20	23	12	13	25	0	3	3	1	5	6	57
Davidson	200	37	237	99	8	107	32	5	37	34	10	44	425
Davie	13	14	27	12	4	16	12	0	12	2	0	2	57
Iredell	126	53	179	154	37	191	11	0	11	43	5	48	429
TOTAL	**342**	**124**	**466**	**277**	**62**	**339**	**55**	**8**	**63**	**80**	**20**	**100**	**968**
23RD DISTRICT													
Alleghany	4	0	4	10	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Ashe	21	13	34	13	6	19	1	0	1	6	2	8	62
Wilkes	135	29	164	92	30	122	45	0	45	82	0	82	413
Yadkin	26	15	41	26	1	27	1	0	1	8	1	9	78
TOTAL	**186**	**57**	**243**	**141**	**39**	**180**	**47**	**0**	**47**	**96**	**3**	**99**	**569**

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
24TH DISTRICT	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
Avery	6	6	12	5	4	9	3	0	3	0	0	0	24
Madison	11	23	34	9	10	19	2	0	2	10	1	11	66
Mitchell	3	6	9	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	11
Watauga	8	11	19	5	3	8	5	1	6	0	0	0	33
Yancey	54	2	56	37	0	37	10	0	10	24	3	27	130
TOTAL	**82**	**48**	**130**	**57**	**17**	**74**	**21**	**1**	**22**	**34**	**4**	**38**	**264**
25TH DISTRICT													
Burke	95	54	149	59	33	92	30	15	45	18	28	46	332
Caldwell	131	47	178	64	36	100	10	20	30	10	5	15	323
Catawba	220	45	265	43	9	52	27	0	27	31	1	32	376
TOTAL	**446**	**146**	**592**	**166**	**78**	**244**	**67**	**35**	**102**	**59**	**34**	**93**	**1,031**
26TH DISTRICT													
Mecklenburg	2,193	130	2,323	313	57	370	196	1	197	43	0	43	2,933
27TH DISTRICT													
Cleveland	146	126	272	111	64	175	16	8	24	14	17	31	502
Gaston	292	42	334	155	7	162	82	3	85	24	8	32	613
Lincoln	61	16	77	12	6	18	0	0	0	3	0	3	98
TOTAL	**499**	**184**	**683**	**278**	**77**	**355**	**98**	**11**	**109**	**41**	**25**	**66**	**1,213**
28TH DISTRICT													
Buncombe	290	177	467	154	117	271	21	26	47	13	40	53	838

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
29TH DISTRICT	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
Henderson	197	34	231	61	16	77	26	6	32	28	5	33	373
McDowell	54	16	70	39	9	48	8	0	8	7	12	19	145
Polk	19	7	26	4	2	6	2	1	3	4	1	5	40
Rutherford	111	8	119	26	0	26	6	0	6	1	1	2	153
Transylvania	25	13	38	19	3	22	13	3	16	1	4	5	81
TOTAL	**406**	**78**	**484**	**149**	**30**	**179**	**55**	**10**	**65**	**41**	**23**	**64**	**792**
30TH DISTRICT													
Cherokee	31	10	41	4	2	6	0	0	0	4	2	6	53
Clay	1	13	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Graham	1	39	40	1	26	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
Haywood	29	67	96	9	40	49	0	2	2	0	3	3	150
Jackson	4	10	14	4	5	9	0	4	4	4	1	5	32
Macon	10	12	22	9	10	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Swain	4	2	6	0	3	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	12
TOTAL	**80**	**153**	**233**	**27**	**86**	**113**	**1**	**6**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**16**	**369**
GRAND TOTAL	**13,123**	**4,537**	**17,660**	**4,554**	**1,916**	**6,470**	**1,837**	**491**	**2,328**	**1,823**	**549**	**2,372**	**28,830**
Percent	74.3	25.7	100.0	70.4	29.6	100.0	78.9	21.1	100.0	76.9	23.1	100.0	
Percent			61.3			22.4			8.1			8.2	100.0

DISTRICT COURT ACTIVITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND SMALL CLAIM CASES*

January 1, 1974 – December 31, 1974

	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver[1]			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate[1]		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of By Waiver	Percent Disposed of By Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
1ST DISTRICT						
Camden	710	453	63.8	113	117	103.5
Chowan	1,216	696	57.2	327	282	86.2
Currituck	1,796	1,109	61.7	179	186	103.9
Dare	1,785	1,327	74.3	207	206	99.5
Gates	1,071	799	74.6	204	286	140.1
Pasquotank	2,352	1,611	68.4	743	704	94.7
Perquimans	1,121	846	75.4	141	109	77.3
TOTAL	**10,051**	**6,841**	**68.0**	**1,914**	**1,890**	**98.7**
2ND DISTRICT						
Beaufort	4,533	3,105	68.4	1,305	1,319	101.0
Hyde	442	291	65.8	62	52	83.8
Martin	2,452	1,788	72.9	752	690	91.7
Tyrrell	505	298	59.0	76	61	80.2
Washington	962	1,293	134.4	301	288	95.6
TOTAL	**8,894**	**6,775**	**76.1**	**2,496**	**2,410**	**96.5**
3RD DISTRICT						
Carteret	4,703	2,461	52.3	762	547	71.7
Craven	9,390	5,862	62.4	778	788	101.2
Pamlico	971	625	64.3	96	103	107.2
Pitt	11,230	7,579	67.4	2,023	1,920	94.9
TOTAL	**26,294**	**16,527**	**62.8**	**3,659**	**3,358**	**91.7**
4TH DISTRICT						
Duplin	6,196	4,384	70.7	1,013	917	90.5
Jones	1,069	558	52.1	111	108	97.2
Onslow	13,004	5,134	39.4	2,029	1,776	87.5
Sampson	6,937	5,027	72.4	1,461	1,323	90.5
TOTAL	**27,206**	**15,103**	**55.5**	**4,614**	**4,124**	**89.3**

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* These two tables are combined for convenience of format; they are not otherwise related.

	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver[1]			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate[1]		
5TH DISTRICT	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of By Waiver	Percent Disposed of By Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
New Hanover	10,533	9,065	86.0	2,427	1,989	81.9
Pender	3,310	1,961	59.2	396	388	97.9
TOTAL	**13,843**	**11,026**	**79.6**	**2,823**	**2,377**	**84.2**
6TH DISTRICT						
Bertie	2,201	1,943	88.2	455	374	82.1
Halifax	6,645	3,966	59.6	1,283	1,253	97.6
Hertford	2,524	1,662	65.8	346	322	93.0
Northampton	3,242	2,021	62.3	490	422	86.1
TOTAL	**14,612**	**9,592**	**65.6**	**2,574**	**2,371**	**92.1**
7TH DISTRICT						
Edgecombe	6,866	4,981	72.5	2,099	2,029	96.6
Nash	13,308	9,479	71.2	1,215	1,233	101.4
Wilson	6,512	5,550	85.2	2,317	2,297	99.1
TOTAL	**26,686**	**20,010**	**74.9**	**5,631**	**5,559**	**98.7**
8TH DISTRICT						
Greene	1,430	957	66.9	316	282	89.2
Lenoir	6,931	4,578	66.0	2,197	2,185	99.4
Wayne	11,728	7,529	64.1	2,130	2,061	96.7
TOTAL	**20,089**	**13,064**	**65.0**	**4,643**	**4,528**	97.5
9TH DISTRICT						
Franklin	3,100	2,239	72.2	627	608	96.9
Granville	4,840	3,283	67.8	924	933	100.9
Person	2,939	1,953	66.4	1,464	1,097	74.9
Vance	4,792	3,323	69.3	1,898	1,985	104.5
Warren	2,413	1,790	74.1	399	334	83.7
TOTAL	**18,084**	**12,588**	**69.6**	**5,312**	**4,957**	**93.3**
10TH DISTRICT						
Wake	50,718	35,794	70.5	7,221	6,847	94.8
11TH DISTRICT						
Harnett	6,751	4,011	59.4	1,116	1,068	95.6
Johnston	7,175	5,481	76.3	1,161	1,158	99.7
Lee	3,851	4,130	107.2	1,072	1,060	98.8
TOTAL	**17,777**	**13,622**	**76.6**	**3,349**	3,286	**98.1**

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	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver[1]			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate[1]		
12TH DISTRICT	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of By Waiver	Percent Disposed of By Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
Cumberland	26,731	16,320	61.0	3,768	3,487	92.3
Hoke	2,838	1,868	65.8	315	323	102.5
TOTAL	**29,569**	**18,188**	**61.5**	**4,083**	**3,081**	**93.0**
13TH DISTRICT						
Bladen	5,314	3,237	60.9	595	667	112.1
Brunswick	4,136	2,737	66.1	614	608	99.0
Columbus	6,775	3,235	47.7	1,292	1,182	91.4
TOTAL	**16,225**	**9,209**	**56.7**	**2,501**	**2,457**	**98.2**
14TH DISTRICT						
Durham	19,504	11,302	57.9	6,083	5,599	92.0
15TH DISTRICT						
Alamance	11,729	8,201	69.9	2,238	2,239	100.0
Chatham	4,908	2,717	55.3	1,146	1,128	98.4
Orange	9,848	7,235	73.4	872	683	78.3
TOTAL	**26,485**	**18,153**	**68.5**	**4,256**	**4,050**	**95.1**
16TH DISTRICT						
Robeson	11,249	6,348	56.4	3,105	2,673	86.0
Scotland	4,008	2,698	67.3	991	963	96.1
TOTAL	**15,257**	**9,046**	**59.2**	**4,096**	**3,636**	**88.7**
17TH DISTRICT						
Caswell	1,541	1,256	80.7	454	419	92.2
Rockingham	6,979	4,352	62.3	1,537	1,574	102.4
Stokes	2,931	1,944	66.3	634	630	99.3
Surry	5,732	4,085	71.3	3,009	4,815	160.0
TOTAL	**17,174**	**11,627**	**67.7**	**5,634**	**7,438**	**132.0**
18TH DISTRICT						
Guilford-						
Greensboro	37,403	24,538	65.6	9,344	8,946	95.7
High Point	10,989	8,346	75.9	4,252	4,220	99.2
TOTAL	**48,392**	**32,884**	**67.9**	**13,596**	**13,166**	**96.8**

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	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver[1]			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate[1]		
19TH DISTRICT	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of By Waiver	Percent Disposed of By Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
Cabarrus	9,377	7,044	75.1	1,641	1,371	83.5
Montgomery	3,923	3,559	90.7	545	526	96.5
Randolph	9,034	6,795	75.2	1,085	970	89.4
Rowan	11,643	8,395	72.1	1,768	1,290	72.9
TOTAL	**33,977**	**25,793**	**75.9**	**5,039**	**4,157**	**82.4**
20TH DISTRICT						
Anson	3,375	2,620	77.6	468	401	85.6
Moore	4,426	3,620	81.7	752	716	95.2
Richmond	5,307	3,162	59.5	1,059	1,091	103.0
Stanly	5,006	3,620	72.3	1,058	1,040	98.2
Union	5,754	5,061	87.1	1,499	1,269	84.6
TOTAL	**23,868**	**18,038**	**75.5**	**4,836**	**4,517**	**93.4**
21ST DISTRICT						
Forsyth	33,077	23,131	69.9	5,357	5,221	97.4
22ND DISTRICT						
Alexander	2,267	2,131	94.0	323	313	96.9
Davidson	11,778	8,494	72.1	979	953	97.3
Davie	3,066	2,314	75.4	169	173	102.3
Iredell	9,095	5,786	63.6	2,319	2,121	91.4
TOTAL	**26,206**	**18,725**	**71.4**	**3,790**	**3,560**	**93.9**
23RD DISTRICT						
Alleghany	527	417	79.1	145	189	130.3
Ashe	1,952	1,242	63.6	303	205	67.6
Wilkes	5,229	3,245	62.0	936	619	66.1
Yadkin	2,683	2,113	78.7	232	228	98.2
TOTAL	**10,391**	**7,017**	**67.5**	**1,616**	**1,241**	**76.7**
24TH DISTRICT						
Avery	2,027	1,502	74.0	156	191	122.4
Madison	1,115	754	67.6	74	54	72.9
Mitchell	1,045	877	83.9	153	115	75.1
Watauga	2,485	1,865	75.0	276	262	94.9
Yancey	1,071	1,150	107.3	207	147	71.0
TOTAL	**7,743**	**6,148**	**79.4**	**866**	**769**	**88.7**

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	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver[1]			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate[1]		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of By Waiver	Percent Disposed of By Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
25TH DISTRICT						
Burke	6,501	3,827	58.8	771	723	93.7
Caldwell	6,882	4,176	60.6	1,116	822	73.6
Catawba	12,528	7,784	62.1	1,474	1,368	92.8
TOTAL	**25,911**	**15,787**	**60.9**	**3,361**	**2,913**	**86.6**
26TH DISTRICT						
Mecklenburg	36,938	26,593	71.9	14,958	12,124	81.0
27TH DISTRICT						
Cleveland	8,443	5,668	67.1	1,767	1,674	94.7
Gaston	16,627	9,536	57.3	3,490	3,480	99.7
Lincoln	5,535	2,777	50.1	670	593	88.5
TOTAL	**30,605**	**17,981**	**58.7**	**5,927**	**5,747**	**96.9**
28TH DISTRICT						
Buncombe	16,893	11,682	69.1	2,369	2,258	95.3
29TH DISTRICT						
Henderson	7,071	4,766	67.4	343	282	82.2
McDowell	4,435	2,953	66.5	459	424	92.3
Polk	1,329	1,118	84.1	147	130	88.4
Rutherford	4,057	2,485	61.2	916	798	87.1
Transylvania	2,095	1,552	74.0	266	244	91.7
TOTAL	**18,987**	**12,874**	**67.8**	**2,131**	**1,878**	**88.1**
30TH DISTRICT						
Cherokee	2,139	1,509	70.5	157	66	42.0
Clay	832	661	79.4	38	47	123.6
Graham	953	611	64.1	34	28	82.3
Haywood	5,149	3,085	59.9	344	331	96.2
Jackson	2,325	1,581	68.0	243	188	77.3
Macon	1,940	1,298	66.9	130	123	94.6
Swain	1,112	986	88.6	46	65	141.3
TOTAL	**14,450**	**9,731**	**67.3**	**1,047**	**848**	**80.9**
GRAND TOTAL	**685,906**	**464,851**	**67.7**	**135,782**	**127,087**	**93.5**

1. In some counties, the percent of cases disposed of exceeds one hundred percent because cases pending January 1, 1974 are not included in the "filed" column. The figures in both the "filed" and "disposed of" columns are for the calendar year 1974. Some of the cases filed in 1974 will not be disposed of until 1975 and some of the cases disposed of in 1974 were filed in 1973. Assuming a fairly constant rate of filing and disposition, the percentages are relatively accurate.

DAYS OF COURT HELD AT EACH SEAT OF THE DISTRICT COURT*

1974 Calendar Year

	Civil	Criminal	Total
1ST DISTRICT (2 Judges)			
Camden–Camden	1	12	13
Chowan–Edenton	22½	34½	57
Currituck–Currituck	4	24	28
Dare–Manteo	4	20	24
Gates–Gatesville	0	22	22
Pasquotank–Elizabeth City	10	41	51
Perquimans–Hertford	½	13½	14
TOTAL	**42**	**167**	**209**
2ND DISTRICT (2 Judges)			
Beaufort–Washington	18	95	113
Hyde–Swan Quarter	2½	15½	18
Martin–Williamston	21	50½	71½
Tyrrell–Columbia	2	12	14
Washington–Plymouth	3	34½	37½
TOTAL	**46½**	**207½**	**254**
3RD DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Carteret–Beaufort	38½	115	153½
Craven–New Bern	105	180	285
Pamlico–Bayboro	3	22	25
Pitt–Greenville	81	163½	244½
Farmville	0	22½	22½
Ayden	0	19½	19½
TOTAL	**227½**	**522½**	**750**
4TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Duplin–Kenansville	7	83	90
Jones–Trenton	5	20½	25½
Onslow–Jacksonville	56	364	420
Sampson–Clinton	23	80	103
TOTAL	**91**	**547½**	**638½**
5TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)			
New Hanover–Wilmington	126	242	368
Pender–Burgaw	19	59	78
TOTAL	**145**	**301**	**446**

* All days of court at each seat were not necessarily held by a judge assigned to the designated judicial district. In 1974 District Court Judges held a total of 244 days of court in judicial districts other than their own. A day of court is defined as at least a two hour session before lunch and at least a two hour session after lunch. Judicial hospitalization, juvenile and domestic relations cases are counted as civil court.

6TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)	Civil	Criminal	Total
Bertie–Windsor	6½	46½	53
Halifax–Halifax	39	86½	125½
Roanoke Rapids	3½	35	38½
Hertford–Winton	14	48	62
Northampton–Jackson	14	36½	50½
TOTAL	77	**252½**	**329½**
7TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Edgecombe–Tarboro	13½	78	91½
Rocky Mount	10	58½	68½
Nash–Nashville	49	65	114
Wilson–Wilson	39	106½	145½
TOTAL	**111½**	**308**	**419½**
8TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Greene–Snow Hill	7½	39	46½
Lenoir–Kinston	66½	144	210½
Wayne–Goldsboro	110½	159	269½
Mount Olive	½	25	25½
TOTAL	**185**	**367**	**552**
9TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)			
Franklin–Louisburg	17	47	64
Granville–Oxford	34	48½	82½
Person–Roxboro	9½	49	58½
Vance–Henderson	4	84½	88½
Warren–Warrenton	2½	31½	34
TOTAL	**67**	**260½**	**327½**
10TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)			
Wake–Raleigh	301½	545½	847
Fuquay-Varina	0	16½	16½
Wendell	½	13½	14
TOTAL	**302**	**575½**	**877½**
11TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Harnett–Lillington	32½	106½	139
Dunn	0	40½	40½
Johnston–Smithfield	63½	77½	141
Benson	0	36½	36½
Selma	0	32	32
Lee–Sanford	14	121½	135½
TOTAL	**110**	**414½**	**524½**
12TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Cumberland–Fayetteville	350	391	741
Hoke–Raeford	0	41½	41½
TOTAL	**350**	**432½**	**782½**

13TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)	Civil	Criminal	Total
Bladen–Elizabethtown	28	58½	86½
Brunswick–Southport	23	57	80
Shallotte	0	33	33
Columbus–Whiteville	67	107	174
Tabor City	1	20	21
TOTAL	**119**	**275½**	**394½**
14TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)			
Durham–Durham	156	272	428
15TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Alamance–Graham	198½	172	370½
Chatham–Pittsboro	21	24½	45½
Siler City	6	30½	36½
Orange–Hillsborough	40½	53½	94
Chapel Hill	13½	58½	72
TOTAL	**279½**	**339**	**618½**
16TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)			
Robeson–Lumberton	154½	159½	314
Fairmont	0	30½	30½
Maxton	0	40	40
Red Springs	0	28½	28½
Rowland	0	25½	25½
Saint Pauls	0	28	28
Scotland–Laurinburg	57	98	154
TOTAL	**211½**	**410**	**621½**
17TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Caswell–Yanceyville	6½	38½	45
Rockingham–Wentworth	62½	0	62½
Reidsville	0	84½	84½
Eden	0	77	77
Madison	0	46½	46½
Stokes–Danbury	5½	54	59½
Surry–Dobson	34	111½	145½
TOTAL	**108½**	**412**	**520½**
18TH DISTRICT (7 Judges)			
Guilford–Greensboro	354½	453	807½
High Point	130	142½	272½
TOTAL	**484½**	**595½**	**1,080**

19TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)	Civil	Criminal	Total
Cabarrus–Concord	66	96	162
Kannapolis	½	46	46½
Montgomery–Troy	29	65½	94½
Randolph–Asheboro	70	89½	159½
Rowan–Salisbury	78	133	211
TOTAL	**243½**	**430**	**673½**
20TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Anson–Wadesboro	14	69	83
Moore–Carthage	25½	43½	69
Southern Pines	0	17½	17½
Richmond–Rockingham	27	68½	95½
Stanly–Albemarle	30	105	135
Union–Monroe	38	95½	133½
TOTAL	**134½**	**399**	**533½**
21ST DISTRICT (5 Judges)			
Forsyth–Winston-Salem	295½	349	644½
Kernersville	1	18½	19½
TOTAL	**296½**	**367½**	**664**
22ND DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Alexander–Taylorsville	15	28	43
Davidson–Lexington	71	70½	141½
Thomasville	9½	47½	57
Davie–Mocksville	20½	24	44½
Iredell–Statesville	77	99	176
Mooresville	0	25½	25½
TOTAL	**193**	**294½**	**487½**
23RD DISTRICT (2 Judges)			
Alleghany–Sparta	15½	18½	34
Ashe–Jefferson	21	47	68
Wilkes–Wilkesboro	101½	101	202½
Yadkin–Yadkinville	16½	44½	61
TOTAL	**154½**	**211**	**365½**
24TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)			
Avery–Newland	13	25½	38½
Madison–Marshall	31	23	54
Mitchell–Bakersville	28	19	47
Watauga–Boone	32	67	99
Yancey–Burnsville	27	25½	52½
TOTAL	**131**	**160**	**291**

25TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)	Civil	Criminal	Total
Burke–Morganton	17½	132½	150
Caldwell–Lenoir	40½	125	165½
Catawba–Newton	47	86½	133½
Hickory	45	119	164
TOTAL	**150**	**463**	**613**
26TH DISTRICT (7 Judges)			
Mecklenburg–Charlotte	697½	623½	1,321
27TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)			
Cleveland–Shelby	66½	135	201½
Gaston–Gastonia	133½	473	606½
Lincoln–Lincolnton	39½	75½	115
TOTAL	**239½**	**683½**	**923**
28TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Buncombe–Asheville	433½	451	884½
29TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)			
Henderson–Hendersonville	57½	61	118½
McDowell–Marion	22	51	73
Polk–Columbus	2	17½	19½
Rutherford–Rutherfordton	30	62	92
Transylvania–Brevard	37½	48	85½
TOTAL	**149**	239½	**388½**
30TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)			
Cherokee–Murphy	3	23½	26½
Clay–Hayesville	1½	8½	10
Graham–Robbinsville	3	16	19
Haywood–Waynesville	32	38	70
Canton	3½	46½	50
Jackson–Sylva	12	27	39
Macon–Franklin	14½	25	39½
Swain–Bryson City	13	26	39
TOTAL	**82½**	**210½**	**293**
GRAND TOTAL	**6,018½**	**11,193**	**17,211½**

FISCAL OPERATIONS
1973-74

State expenditures for the Judicial Department exceeded State and local receipts from court operations by more than four million dollars in the 1973-74 fiscal year.

State Expenditures for the Judicial Department	$34,042,424.36
State and Local Receipts from Court Operations	$29,967,393.92

Receipts by classification and governmental unit receiving funds:

Superior and District Court Fees (*State*)	$ 9,662,635.50	
Supreme Court Fees (*State*)	8,794.85	
Court of Appeals Fees (*State*)	16,186.67	
Sale of Appellate Reports (*State*)	107,119.94	
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund (*State*)	2,256,307.00	
Total State Receipts		$12,051,043.96
Facilities Fees (*Counties*)	2,163,088.31	
Officer Fees (*Counties*)	1,158,703.18	
Jail Fees (*Counties*)	402,565.85	
Fines and Forfeitures (*Counties*)	13,338,788.72	
Total County Receipts		$17,063,146.06
Facilities Fees (*Municipalities*)	132,137.00	
Officer Fees (*Municipalities*)	672,330.70	
Jail Fees (*Municipalities*)	48,736.20	
Total Municiapal Receipts		$ 853,203.90
Total Receipts		$29,967,393.92

Of the total Judicial Department receipts, $9,794,736.96 or 32.7% went into the State General Fund. The balance was distributed to the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund (7.5%) and the counties (56.9%) and municipalities (2.9%) of the State.

Receipts deposited in the State General Fund amounted to 28.8% of the State's expenditures for the Judicial Department. Total State receipts (General Fund and LEOB&RF) equaled 35.4% of Judicial Department expenditures.

The table which follows shows a breakdown of the fees for each county and the municipalities within each county.

AMOUNTS OF FEES, FINES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

FISCAL YEAR 1973-74

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Alamance	$ 37,596.00	$ 19,931.00	$ 4,792.00	$ 208,537.84	$ 0	$ 11,468.00	$ 0	$ 282,324.84
Alexander	8,428.10	6,209.00	1,983.00	43,474.00	0	831.00	0	60,925.10
Alleghany	2,891.00	1,216.00	678.00	10,051.00	0	70.00	0	14,906.00
Anson	9,157.50	5,511.00	2,572.00	55,997.00	0	1,604.00	0	74,841.50
Ashe	6,112.00	5,462.00	1,046.00	33,569.67	0	270.00	0	46,459.67
Avery	4,927.00	4,006.00	833.50	16,432.00	0	68.00	0	26,266.50
Beaufort	15,098.00	12,498.50	2,310.00	76,814.00	0	3,776.00	0	110,496.50
Bertie	7,196.00	7,556.00	1,826.00	37,906.00	0	478.00	21.00	54,983.00
Bladen	11,325.00	10,831.00	3,518.00	72,570.00	1,484.00	1,133.00	0	100,861.00
Brunswick	10,667.00	8,574.00	3,442.00	93,434.56	2,784.00	1,014.00	0	119,915.56
Buncombe	60,159.50	33,197.90	15,302.00	306,022.86	0	26,765.00	0	441,447.26
Burke	20,875.00	10,222.00	1,724.00	121,905.85	0	4,612.00	117.00	159,455.85
Cabarrus	33,022.00	26,507.18	7,494.00	168,723.37	0	3,299.50	0	239,046.05
Caldwell	22,712.95	13,025.00	5,617.00	9,731.45	0	6,155.00	360.00	57,601.40
Camden	1,934.00	1,218.00	30.00	16,353.43	0	0	0	19,535.43
Carteret	16,650.00	9,923.00	1,625.00	135,478.30	0	3,372.00	0	167,048.30
Caswell	6,269.00	5,660.00	1,511.00	41,886.05	0	0	0	55,326.05
Catawba	20,215.00	17,050.00	4,701.00	316,592.27	24,258.00	16,734.00	5,621.00	405,171.27
Chatham	8,272.00	10,115.00	2,480.48	91,620.00	4,999.00	2,285.00	789.00	120,560.48
Cherokee	5,195.00	2,994.85	2,109.00	54,208.55	0	856.00	234.00	65,597.40
Chowan	5,437.00	2,550.00	970.00	42,064.00	0	1,692.00	0	52,713.00
Clay	1,701.00	1,652.00	339.00	12,860.00	0	0	0	16,552.00
Cleveland	27,487.00	12,722.00	9,504.00	163,067.93	0	8,195.00	1,059.00	222,034.93
Columbus	21,695.00	17,708.00	8,433.50	150,964.30	2,582.00	5,248.00	1,617.00	208,247.80
Craven	30,427.00	14,709.13	6,040.00	193,918.94	0	9,655.00	2.00	254,752.07
Cumberland	84,162.40	44,674.00	17,080.00	867,929.74	10.00	23,379.00	0	1,037,235.14

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Currituck	$ 5,659.00	$ 4,486.00	$ 629.00	$ 59,442.00	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 70,216.00
Dare	6,048.00	3,567.00	1,494.00	94,498.26	0	752.00	0	106,359.26
Davidson	31,724.00	23,129.00	7,263.00	276,404.26	6,474.00	5,904.00	726.00	351,624.26
Davie	8,140.00	5,838.00	1,764.10	56,881.80	0	468.00	0	73,091.90
Duplin	18,784.00	10,632.00	1,449.00	138,493.53	0	3,176.00	2,403.00	174,937.53
Durham	61,580.00	18,942.00	6,727.00	239,109.20	0	25,979.00	0	352,337.20
Edgecombe	17,644.00	15,668.13	5,890.00	190,678.75	8,074.00	9,843.00	1,566.00	168,363.88
Forsyth	102,396.50	22,940.00	13,176.00	464,307.22	1,912.00	57,749.70	0	662,481.42
Franklin	11,914.00	7,758.00	1,243.00	64,795.36	0	1,090.00	467.00	87,267.36
Gaston	59,380.50	25,246.00	12,718.00	303,523.30	0	17,605.00	315.00	418,787.80
Gates	3,384.00	2,741.00	436.00	30,588.00	0	0	0	37,149.00
Graham	2,479.00	2,034.00	633.00	19,778.00	0	234.00	0	25,158.00
Granville	11,815.00	6,807.50	2,971.00	80,483.40	0	1,926.00	533.00	104,535.90
Greene	5,369.00	3,936.00	743.00	31,560.00	0	466.00	0	42,074.00
Guilford	167,861.50	33,806.43	24,964.35	626,004.86	0	89,234.00	0	941,871.14
Halifax	15,739.00	13,805.50	4,010.00	144,921.00	3,306.00	4,178.00	2,427.00	188,386.50
Harnett	17,683.50	13,804.02	1,895.00	128,504.60	6,742.00	5,729.00	3,743.20	178,101.32
Haywood	10,798.42	10,009.50	2,778.00	122,938.09	2,170.00	2,871.00	265.00	151,830.01
Henderson	15,141.00	10,774.90	3,975.00	101,526.20	512.00	2,126.00	0	134,055.10
Hertford	7,767.00	5,418.88	1,338.50	39,206.00	0	1,416.50	327.00	55,473.88
Hoke	7,832.00	6,074.00	2,420.00	74,730.46	0	552.00	0	91,608.46
Hyde	1,457.00	1,366.00	156.00	15,625.00	0	0	0	18,604.00
Iredell	29,147.00	18,470.00	5,827.80	229,327.06	4,312.00	5,588.00	978.00	293,649.86
Jackson	6,463.00	4,979.00	3,007.00	83,084.54	0	0	0	97,533.54
Johnston	22,141.00	14,754.00	7,510.00	187,872.75	5,461.00	5,686.00	2,384.00	245,808.75
Jones	3,059.00	2,528.00	411.00	16,399.00	0	80.00	0	22,477.00
Lee	18,018.00	13,527.92	6,332.00	89,529.28	0	4,663.00	0	132,070.20
Lenoir	27,151.85	13,568.00	5,735.00	152,331.20	0	5,686.00	3,445.00	207,917.05
Lincoln	14,356.00	12,370.10	3,777.50	88,656.02	0	1,004.00	0	120,163.62
Macon	4,986.00	3,446.00	1,076.00	47,776.05	0	1,176.00	84.00	58,544.05
Madison	3,153.00	2,655.50	1,023.00	21,440.50	0	256.00	0	28,528.00
Martin	9,995.00	7,286.00	975.00	61,827.00	0	1,469.00	0	81,552.00
McDowell	10,744.90	8,234.00	3,598.00	86,738.01	0	738.00	0	110,052.91
Mecklenburg	160,460.20	37,003.00	372.00	815,277.35	0	57,853.00	0	1,070,965.55
Mitchell	3,407.00	2,636.00	825.00	19,399.00	0	490.00	0	26,757.00

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Montgomery	12,676.50	10,104.50	3,869.25	64,919.00	0	2,456.00	0	94,025.25
Moore	11,271.00	10,960.00	3,500.00	111,601.78	3,498.00	2,822.00	1,929.00	145,581.78
Nash	23,420.00	23,747.72	4,643.00	204,509.35	11,666.00	9,237.00	1,981.00	279,204.07
New Hanover	46,879.50	12,183.00	10,145.00	288,113.34	0	22,054.00	1,383.00	380,757.84
Northampton	8,131.00	7,338.00	1,603.00	54,242.00	0	478.00	0	71,792.00
Onslow	42,668.54	25,826.00	16,258.00	466,953.70	0	11,078.00	0	562,784.24
Orange	17,375.00	10,751.00	1,143.00	142,564.53	7,902.00	10,190.00	713.00	190,638.53
Pamlico	3,266.00	2,751.00	252.00	20,202.89	0	18.00	0	26,489.89
Pasquotank	10,376.00	4,493.00	732.00	79,213.08	0	2,414.00	0	97,228.08
Pender	8,554.00	6,697.00	2,446.00	64,582.00	0	814.00	0	83,093.00
Perquimans	2,635.00	2,036.00	345.00	21,664.00	0	110.00	0	26,790.00
Person	10,571.00	4,333.00	1,326.00	72,162.60	333.00	2,683.00	0	91,408.60
Pitt	33,227.00	13,975.00	6,995.00	178,800.99	5,378.00	14,900.00	1,858.00	255,133.99
Polk	3,792.00	3,085.00	1,454.00	40,586.00	0	156.00	0	49,073.00
Randolph	29,559.00	29,909.91	5,334.75	160,840.50	0	3,154.00	60.00	228,858.16
Richmond	16,492.00	12,813.00	2,779.60	116,022.84	0	1,516.00	225.00	149,848.44
Robeson	30,452.37	24,841.35	6,424.00	291,162.16	12,359.00	7,315.00	4,135.00	376,688.88
Rockingham	20,603.50	16,649.20	1,856.00	148,834.10	11,445.00	9,324.00	2,922.00	211,633.80
Rowan	33,787.00	25,277.11	5,054.00	223,815.50	0	5,643.50	0	293,577.11
Rutherford	16,352.00	8,694.00	5,331.00	84,364.65	0	2,320.00	159.00	117,220.65
Sampson	21,293.60	14,722.00	4,185.00	148,280.10	0	3,547.00	24.00	192,051.70
Scotland	13,852.00	9,444.00	4,777.02	105,823.00	0	2,612.00	0	136,508.02
Stanly	16,526.00	8,185.00	3,459.00	97,023.80	0	2,602.00	0	127,795.80
Stokes	9,288.00	7,565.00	3,076.00	41,782.00	0	322.00	0	62,033.00
Surry	24,245.00	21,456.47	2,461.00	133,428.11	426.00	4,346.00	1,614.00	187,976.58
Swain	3,344.00	2,480.00	1,875.00	34,976.00	0	156.00	0	42,831.00
Transylvania	6,777.00	5,382.36	3,033.00	37,226.50	0	1,018.00	0	53,436.86
Tyrrell	1,153.00	1,038.00	410.00	10,630.00	0	0	0	13,231.00
Union	19,943.00	13,726.78	5,808.00	129,555.94	0	2,167.00	0	171,200.72
Vance	18,037.20	8,340.00	4,986.00	88,641.00	0	3,306.00	0	123,310.20
Wake	152,565.10	44,661.87	14,862.00	622,938.73	3,386.00	75,971.00	1,773.00	916,157.70
Warren	6,459.18	4,775.00	2,193.00	33,546.50	0	582.00	0	47,555.68
Washington	4,260.00	2,880.00	621.00	24,247.50	0	838.00	0	32,846.50
Watauga	7,510.00	5,812.00	1,430.00	51,126.00	0	1,178.00	0	67,056.00
Wayne	37,311.00	17,021.00	6,133.00	197,180.17	664.00	8,973.00	438.00	267,720.17

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Wilkes	$ 18,374.00	$ 11,725.50	$ 5,464.00	$ 89,485.00	$ 0	$ 674.00	$ 0	$ 125,722.50
Wilson	24,660.00	18,146.47	5,918.50	120,610.50	0	5,078.50	39.00	174,452.97
Yadkin	8,090.00	5,121.00	1,834.00	50,921.70	0	1,098.00	0	67,064.70
Yancey	4,022.00	3,792.00	1,447.00	21,441.00	0	232.00	0	30,934.00
TOTALS	**$2,163,088.31**	**$1,158,703.18**	**$402,565.85**	**$13,338,788.72**	**$132,137.00**	**$672,330.70**	**$48,736.20**	**$17,916,349.96**

REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS

Private counsel are appointed to represent indigent defendants in 27 of the State's judicial districts. In the 12th, 18th, and 28th judicial districts (Cumberland, Hoke, Guilford, and Buncombe Counties) indigents are normally represented by the public defender's office. The costs of this program rose from $2,624,378.41 in the 1972-73 fiscal year to $3,838,883.27 in the 1973-74 fiscal year, an increase of 46.3%. The program constituted 11.3% of total Judicial Department expenditures in 1973-74. The cost of the program in 1973-74 is summarized as follows:

Assigned Counsel in Criminal Cases	$2,657,831.80	
Assigned Counsel in Commitment Cases	515,462.47	
Assigned Counsel in Juvenile Cases	134,045.52	
Total		$3,307,339.79
Public Defender's Office:		
12th Judicial District	115,468.22	
18th Judicial District	178,275.04	
28th Judicial District	82,061.09	
Total		375,804.35
Transcripts, Records and Briefs		152,931.33
Expert Witness Fees		2,807.80
TOTAL		$3,838,883.27

The table at the end of this section compares the assigned counsel program in 1972-73 and 1973-74. The number of cases assigned rose from 16,304 to 29,117 or 78.6% and expenditures rose from $2,279,869 to $3,307,340 or 45.1%. A large portion of this increase, however, is attributable to a new program effective September 1, 1973 which provides counsel to persons subject to involuntary commitment. This new authorization added 10,500 cases and $515,462.47 to total program costs. When the new commitment program is disregarded the increases between last fiscal year and this fiscal year do not appear as excessive. Criminal and juvenile cases increased from 16,304 to 18,617 or 14.2% and expenditures for criminal and juvenile cases increased from $2,279,869 to $2,791,877 or 22.5%.

Of the 29,117 assignments in 1973-74, 16,417 or 56.4% were in criminal cases, 10,500 or 36.1% were in commitment cases, and 2,200 or 7.5% were in juvenile cases. Payments for criminal cases accounted for 80.4% of expenditures, commitment payments for 15.6% and juvenile payments for 4.0%.

The total cost of providing counsel to indigents in the three districts with public defenders was as follows:

	12th District	18th District	28th District
Public Defender	$115,468	$178,275	$ 82,061
Assigned Counsel	54,754	24,558	35,045
Total	$170,222	$202,833	$117,106

It is instructive to compare these costs with the cost of the assigned counsel in other urban areas: 10th District (Wake) $224,380; 14th District (Durham) $155,189; 21st District (Forsyth) $133,727; and 26th District (Mecklenburg) $292,945.

When private counsel or the public defender is assigned to represent as indigent, the court sets the money value of services rendered and enters judgment against the defendant for such amount. Receipts from payments on these judgments rose from $86,104.84 in 1972-73 to $116,653.05 in 1973-74. Receipts in 1973-74 amounted to 3.0% of the total cost of the indigent defendant program.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL
Cases and Expenditures

	CASES			EXPENDITURES		
	1972-73	1973-74	Percent Increase	1972-73	1973-74	Percent Increase
1ST DISTRICT						
Camden	4	12	200.0	650	2,365	263.8
Chowan	26	133	411.5	3,149	9,071	188.0
Currituck	19	53	178.9	2,637	8,095	206.9
Dare	3	32	966.6	970	6,472	567.2
Gates	7	22	214.2	535	1,350	152.3
Pasquotank	51	124	143.1	6,110	14,186	132.1
Perquimans	12	29	141.6	3,804	4,335	13.9
TOTAL	**122**	**405**	**231.9**	**17,855**	**45,873**	**156.9**
2ND DISTRICT						
Beaufort	123	166	34.9	16,145	19,811	22.7
Hyde	5	26	420.0	675	2,760	308.8
Martin	73	137	87.6	9,915	10,130	2.1
Tyrrell	4	10	150.0	300	825	175.0
Washington	44	72	63.6	5,100	5,860	14.9
TOTAL	**249**	**411**	**65.0**	**32,135**	**39,386**	**22.5**
3RD DISTRICT						
Carteret	152	304	100.0	22,227	40,780	83.4
Craven	310	467	50.7	38,905	50,276	29.2
Pamlico	8	34	325.0	1,350	3,225	138.8
Pitt	508	696	37.0	73,006	83,163	13.9
TOTAL	**978**	**1,501**	**53.5**	**135,488**	**177,444**	**30.9**
4TH DISTRICT						
Duplin	121	244	101.7	14,112	18,800	33.2
Jones	46	104	126.1	4,485	7,474	66.6
Onslow	384	619	61.2	45,124	75,265	66.7
Sampson	203	265	30.5	21,790	21,341	(2.0)
TOTAL	**754**	**1,232**	**63.4**	**85,511**	**122,880**	**43.7**
5TH DISTRICT						
New Hanover	343	497	44.9	66,837	78,808	17.9
Pender	40	66	65.0	13,915	6,430	–(53.7)
TOTAL	**383**	**563**	**47.0**	**80,752**	**85,238**	**5.5**
6TH DISTRICT						
Bertie	55	106	92.7	4,950	12,683	156.2
Halifax	154	409	165.5	13,890	32,862	136.5
Hertford	71	101	42.2	6,135	6,623	7.9
Northampton	33	94	184.8	5,748	9,541	65.9
TOTAL	**313**	**710**	**126.8**	**30,723**	**61,710**	**100.8**

	CASES			EXPENDITURES		
7TH DISTRICT	1972-73	1973-74	Percent Increase	1972-73	1973-74	Percent Increase
Edgecombe	171	325	90.0	23,393	31,326	33.9
Nash	129	321	148.8	21,160	36,141	70.7
Wilson	206	428	107.7	30,530	42,285	38.5
TOTAL	**506**	**1,074**	**112.2**	**75,083**	**109,751**	**46.1**
8TH DISTRICT						
Greene	37	87	135.1	4,860	7,855	61.6
Lenoir	200	388	94.0	29,750	41,708	40.1
Wayne	247	592	139.6	36,245	64,008	76.5
TOTAL	**484**	**1,067**	**120.4**	**70,855**	**113,571**	**60.2**
9TH DISTRICT						
Franklin	115	204	77.3	18,396	31,139	69.2
Granville	157	221	40.7	20,785	26,162	25.8
Person	60	75	25.0	8,455	10,735	26.9
Vance	227	285	25.5	29,700	36,608	23.2
Warren	36	87	141.6	4,585	12,710	177.2
TOTAL	**595**	**872**	**46.5**	**81,921**	**117,354**	**43.2**
10TH DISTRICT						
Wake	1,262	2,054	62.7	155,234	224,379	44.5
11TH DISTRICT						
Harnett	128	247	92.9	16,425	20,523	24.9
Johnston	210	285	35.7	32,945	34,935	6.0
Lee	99	208	110.1	16,650	25,740	54.5
TOTAL	**437**	**740**	**69.3**	**66,020**	**81,198**	**22.9**
12TH DISTRICT						
Cumberland	54	232	329.6	17,746	50,916	186.9
Hoke	6	24	300.0	1,550	3,838	147.6
TOTAL	**60**	**256**	**326.6**	**19,296**	**54,754**	**183.7**
13TH DISTRICT						
Bladen	83	140	68.6	9,820	17,858	81.8
Brunswick	59	178	201.6	6,425	19,737	207.1
Columbus	171	255	49.1	23,192	29,685	27.9
TOTAL	**313**	**573**	**83.0**	**39,437**	**67,279**	**70.5**
14TH DISTRICT						
Durham	802	1,249	55.7	128,523	155,189	20.7
15TH DISTRICT						
Alamance	287	378	31.7	44,694	56,595	26.6
Chatham	58	114	96.5	8,310	15,085	81.5
Orange	188	360	91.4	37,455	54,940	46.6
TOTAL	**533**	**852**	**59.8**	**90,459**	**126,620**	**39.9**

	CASES			EXPENDITURES		
16TH DISTRICT	1972-73	1973-74	Percent Increase	1972-73	1973-74	Percent Increase
Robeson	211	435	106.1	40,012	61,584	53.9
Scotland	125	139	11.2	19,010	14,500	(23.7)
TOTAL	**336**	**574**	**70.8**	**59,022**	**76,084**	**28.9**
17TH DISTRICT						
Caswell	39	77	97.4	5,235	9,820	87.5
Rockingham	266	438	64.6	45,107	51,095	13.2
Stokes	45	105	133.3	6,127	10,310	68.2
Surry	117	261	123.0	26,885	34,999	30,1
TOTAL	**467**	**881**	**88.6**	**83,354**	**106,224**	**27.4**
18TH DISTRICT						
Guilford	64	105	64.0	14,735	24,558	66.6
19TH DISTRICT						
Cabarrus	377	714	89.4	39,840	79,820	100.4
Montgomery	144	278	93.0	11,725	25,972	121.5
Randolph	191	426	123.0	21,260	50,291	136.5
Rowan	272	659	142.2	32,534	76,760	135.9
TOTAL	**984**	**2,077**	**111.1**	**105,359**	**232,843**	**121.0**
20TH DISTRICT						
Anson	79	185	134.1	8,885	15,955	79.5
Moore	115	205	78.2	14,045	21,270	51.4
Richmond	154	271	75.9	21,600	32,531	50.6
Stanly	134	229	70.8	22,057	21,665	(1.7)
Union	142	323	127.4	23,450	38,252	63.1
TOTAL	**624**	**1,213**	**94.3**	**90,037**	**129,672**	**44.0**
21ST DISTRICT						
Forsyth	621	979	57.6	107,979	133,726	23.8
22ND DISTRICT						
Alexander	50	134	168.0	4,675	14,184	203.4
Davidson	262	450	71.7	33,519	54,192	61.6
Davie	34	74	117.6	4,000	6,870	71.7
Iredell	183	414	126.2	23,565	44,181	87.4
TOTAL	**529**	**1,072**	**102.6**	**65,759**	**119,427**	81.6
23RD DISTRICT						
Alleghany	10	45	350.0	1,275	5,750	350.9
Ashe	58	101	74.1	6,740	10,450	55.0
Wilkes	70	245	250.0	13,010	28,747	120.9
Yadkin	31	73	135.4	3,910	7,849	100.7
TOTAL	**169**	**464**	**174.5**	**24,935**	**52,796**	**111.7**

	CASES			EXPENDITURES		
24TH DISTRICT	1972-73	1973-74	Percent Increase	1972-73	1973-74	Percent Increase
Avery	26	83	219.2	3,780	8,040	112.6
Madison	36	104	188.8	5,463	8,655	58.4
Mitchell	4	36	800.0	675	3,470	414.0
Watauga	62	138	122.5	8,029	12,595	56.8
Yancey	17	87	411.7	2,867	7,039	145.5
TOTAL	**145**	**448**	**208.9**	**20,814**	**39,800**	**91.2**
25TH DISTRICT						
Burke	138	637	361.5	14,955	55,464	270.8
Caldwell	186	435	133.8	21,060	51,400	144.0
Catawba	228	532	133.3	33,735	55,666	65.0
TOTAL	**552**	**1,604**	**190.5**	**69,750**	**162,529**	**133.0**
26TH DISTRICT						
Mecklenburg	1,931	2,830	46.5	254,207	292,945	15.2
27TH DISTRICT						
Cleveland	179	337	88.2	24,458	36,890	50.8
Gaston	418	903	116.0	89,941	123,528	37.3
Lincoln	110	180	63.6	17,436	18,909	8.4
TOTAL	**707**	**1,420**	**100.8**	**131,835**	**179,328**	**36.0**
28TH DISTRICT						
Buncombe	796	377	(52.6)	75,694	35,045	(53.7)
29TH DISTRICT						
Henderson	101	257	154.4	11,605	25,745	121.8
McDowell	92	232	152.1	11,640	23,715	103.7
Polk	29	63	117.2	3,584	6,035	68.3
Rutherford	110	243	120.9	13,112	18,695	42.5
Transylvania	26	88	238.4	3,375	11,502	240.8
TOTAL	**358**	**883**	**146.6**	**43,316**	**85,692**	**97.8**
30TH DISTRICT						
Cherokee	70	91	30.0	5,960	9,111	52.8
Clay	10	24	140.0	1,150	1,490	29.5
Graham	7	30	328.5	1,369	4,829	252.7
Haywood	77	263	241.5	6,355	19,771	211.1
Jackson	27	76	181.4	4,439	5,889	32.6
Macon	29	93	220.6	2,887	6,970	141.4
Swain	10	54	440.0	1,620	5,985	269.4
TOTAL	**230**	**631**	**174.3**	**23,780**	**54,045**	**127.2**
GRAND TOTAL	**16,304**	**29,117**	**78.5**	**$2,279,868**	**$3,307,340**	**45.0**

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	Joseph A. Calder	Raleigh
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	Michael K. Hodnett	Gastonia
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	Alton T. Cummings	Asheville
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